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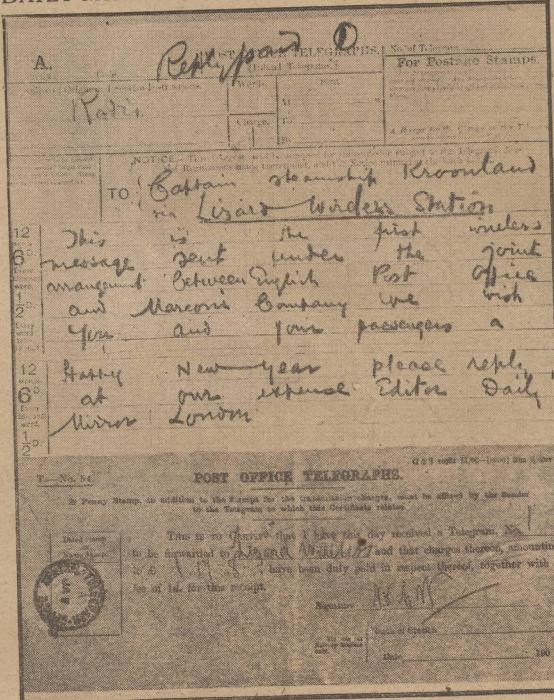
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"DAILY MIRROR" SENDS FIRST MARCONIGRAM



The first telegram sent under the new arrangement by which the Post Office undertakes to forward wireless messages to Atlantic steamers was from the *Daily Mirror* to the captain of the *Kroonland*, as shown above. We give a facsimile of the first Post Office receipt ever given for a wireless telegram—our readers will notice it is marked "No. 1."

JAPANESE OFFICERS IN CONFERENCE.



This photograph was taken outside Port Arthur after an unsuccessful assault on one of the main positions, and shows the baffled troops resting while their commanders are considering the next move.

SCHOOLBOY OF 14 AND HIS MASTER.



We have discovered an extraordinary "fat boy" at Woodchurch, near Ashford, and give his portrait above. Charles Watts is fourteen years of age, is 6ft. in height, and turns the scale at no less than 23st. He is a fair scholar and duly attentive to his schoolmaster, who has been photographed by his side.—(Copyright: *Daily Mirror*.)

SHERLOCK HOLMES UP TO DATE.



The photograph above shows the detectives who made the sensational arrests in connection with the extensive bank-note forgeries. While making his investigations Detective-Inspector Ottawa, who appears on the left-hand side, adopted the disguise of a sailor, and was thus able to watch the suspects without putting them upon their guard.

MORE FORTS TAKEN.

Terrific Explosion Buries Hundreds of Russians in Earth.

160 PRISONERS.

Way to Port Arthur from the North Open to Japanese.

Another notable Japanese success, gained on the last day of the old year, is announced in the following telegram, dated Tokio, Sunday, which has been received at the Japanese Legation:—

"Port Arthur besieging army reports that the army upbore as prearranged the parapet of Shanshuan (? Sanshushan) at 10 a.m. on Saturday.

"Thereupon they assaulted and securely occupied the whole fort at 11 a.m. Part of the enemy fled towards a height south of the fort, while the other part was buried in earth as the result of the above explosion."

A further official telegram received at the Legation says:—

The Port Arthur besieging army reports as follows:—"On Sanshushan earth was removed, and two Russian officers and over 160 men were picked out and made prisoners."

"They state that there are besides about 150 Russians interred as the result of the explosion already reported. Booty, consisting of field-guns, etc., is still under investigation. On Saturday evening our detachment east fort of Panlungshan blew up a part of the old enceinte."

SUCCESS FOLLOWS SUCCESS.

Following these official reports comes a Reuter message announcing the capture on New Year's Day of the H. fort, the new Panlungshan fort, and the heights south of Housanyantao.

By these important successes the Japanese have cleared away the last obstacle to the approach of Port Arthur on the northern side.

The Songshu fort, which is the highest point on the northern ridge, commands the old town of Port Arthur, just as 203 Metre Hill overlooks the new town.

It would seem that all that now remains to Stoessel is the long contemplated retirement for the last stand. The occupation of Antzushan and Antzushan, the strongest of the strongholds, is now of greatly reduced value, and they, too, will probably fall very shortly.

IN TOKIO.

Cards and Men Who Fell at Port Arthur.

Saturday.—The Emperor of Japan has issued a decree authorising Admirals Togo and Kamimura with a sum of articles, including watches formerly worn by himself.

Admiral Togo has declined the offer of a reception which the Tokio municipality desired to hold in honour, on the ground that the time is not ripe for such functions.

Admiral Togo will devote his time in Tokio to conferences with Admiral Ito, Chief of the Naval General Staff; Baron Yamamoto, Minister of Marine; Vice-Admiral Saito, Secretary-General of the Ministry of Marine; Vice-Admiral Ijuin, Assistant-Chief of the Naval General Staff, and others of the Naval Staff concerning the plans for the conduct of the future operations.

Admiral Togo to-day attended the funeral services of a number of officers and men who were killed at Port Arthur while serving him, and read a eulogy of them.—Reuter.

WOUNDED SOLDIERS IN HOSPITAL.

A correspondent of the "Novoe Vremya" writes that the greater number of the wounded Russian soldiers are mere boys. They have not even reached the age of moustaches. In hospital they amuse themselves with innocent games. But their smiles are terribly sad—like the smile of one who sees the Angel of Death.

They play cards in the hospital, but not for money—they have none. The winners box the ears of the losers in a good-natured way. Sometimes the loser is compelled to put out his tongue for the amusement of his comrades.

BALTIC FLEET AT MADAGASCAR.

PARIS, Sunday.—Admiral Rojestvensky's squadron has arrived at Madagascar. A rumour is current that the Admiral will be recalled and replaced by Admiral Dubasoff. This report is probably without foundation.—Reuter.

MR. LAWSON'S GRANDFATHER.

Both the candidates for the Mile End Division were out canvassing on Saturday, Mrs. Lawson accompanying her husband.

Insistions having been made that Mr. Lawson's grandfather, the late Mr. J. M. Levy, was a foreigner, it has been formally announced that Mr. Levy was born in London in 1811.

FIRST P.O. MARCONIGRAM.

"Daily Mirror's" New Year Greeting to a Liner's Passengers.

A MODERN MIRACLE.

At the stroke of midnight on Saturday the "Daily Mirror" handed in the first wireless message under the joint arrangement between the G.P.O. and the Marconi Company.

The message was given in at the Central Telegraph Office in Roman Bath-street, close to St. Martin's-le-Grand. It ran as follows:—

Captain steamship Kroonland, Lizard wireless station. This is the first wireless message under the joint arrangement between the English P.O. and the Marconi Company. We wish you and your passengers a happy New Year. Please reply at our expense.—Editor "Daily Mirror," London.

The above message was written out on the ordinary inland telegram form, these being in use at present. A wireless message with the mystic word "Miracle" written in the left-hand top corner.

From the street came the raucous singing by a band of merry Scots of "Auld Lang Syne." Before they had finished their song the "Daily Mirror" greeting had been set free over the wild Atlantic and found its way to the home-coming liner.

HOW THE MESSAGE WAS RECEIVED.

New Year's Eve on the Atlantic!

A great liner, the Kroonland, with more than a thousand souls on board, is speeding towards England.

The more hardy of the passengers are in the magnificient saloon watching the old year out.

A messenger from the telegraph-room steps up to the officer on duty and hands him a slip of paper. All around men and women, who have wished the season's wishes, are saying "Good-night!" and correcting it to "Good-morning!"

The slip of paper is pinned on to the notice board, and a knot of curious passengers gather before it.

A cheer is raised. Out to their loneliness a message from home has come. They are no longer alone. Nothing but the black night and the ocean around, and the stars overhead, but a message, quick as thought, silent and unseen like a spirit, has come over a hundred leagues of ocean.

And they by the same miracle flash back the salutation from the Atlantic to grim, frost-bound London.

Up to the present, passengers on board ships fitted with the Marconi apparatus have been able to send messages to land, but have not been able to receive messages.

And it is now possible for ships to keep in communication with England throughout the voyage, messages being sent from ship to ship.

Twenty-three vessels are, so far, on this service.

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La Touraine.
Campania.
Zeeland.
Blucher.
Kronprinz Wilhelm.
Saxonia.
Parma.
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New York.
Finland.
Gasconie.

Ronland.
St. Louis.
Vaterland.
Rotterdam.
La Savoie.
Minc.
Minnetonka.
Eururia.
Philadelphia.
Koonalan.
Kaiser Wilhelm.

The charge under the new arrangement is 6d. per word, with a minimum of 6s. 6d.

SIR E. WOOD'S SUCCESSOR.

General Sir William Butler Appointed to Command Second Army Corps.

It is officially announced that General Sir William Butler, K.C.B., will assume command of the Second Army Corps on the retirement of Field-Marshal Sir Evelyn Wood, V.C.

The circumstances of his appointment to the command in South Africa and his subsequent retirement are generally remembered. Sir William, whose frank criticisms of military preparations in South Africa caused so much tumult, was not a popular man when he returned to England, but won the respect of all by the dignified silence he maintained in the face of much undeserved obloquy.

His justification was not long in coming, and, indeed, he was appointed to the command at Aldershot within a very few months of relinquishing his South African appointment.

Sir William Butler, who is sixty-six years of age, married the distinguished painter, Miss Elizabeth Thompson, and so is brother-in-law to Mrs. Alice Meynell.

MACEDONIAN GIPSIES TREK.

The Macedonian gypsies on Saturday again encamped on Tower Hill.

At the request of the gypsies the police visited the offices of the Batavier Line, to make arrangements to ship the party to Rotterdam.

However, the aliens refused to pay the £30 passage money before going on board, and in the evening they set off for Ilford.

Sir Randolph Baker has been adopted as Conservative and Mr. A. W. Willes as Liberal candidate for North Dorset.

TO THE DEATH.

Great Duel Between Two of France's Leading Swordsmen.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

PARIS, Sunday.—French duels have of recent years been regarded as comic rather than as tragic incidents. They will, however, soon cease to be a fit subject for jesting if there be many more encounters so ferocious as that which took place yesterday between M. Lusciez and M. Georges Breitmayer, two of the most famous swordsmen in France, and well-known writers on fencing.

For some time past these two gentlemen have been engaged in a newspaper quarrel, and a meeting having become inevitable arrangements were made for a duel under the most serious conditions. Both combatants agreed that the fight should be to the death or till one or other should confess defeat.

After the first few passes took place yesterday it was seen that the antagonists were in deadly earnest. M. Breitmayer received a deep cut on the nose and a wound in the sword-arm in quick succession, but though bleeding profusely declined to retire.

His plucky efforts were rewarded, for shortly after they crossed swords for the fifth time, M. Breitmayer got through his opponent's guard, and ran him through beneath the right arm.

White and faint with loss of blood, M. Lusciez gamely struggled to face his enemy, till his raper fell from his helpless arm, and he had to confess himself beaten.

No sooner was the admission made, than M. Breitmayer, throwing down his sword, embraced his adversary and old friend, and a reconciliation took place which touched the hearts of all spectators.

THE RIGHT HON. SIR MICHAEL HICKS-BEACH, M.P.,



Entered Parliament in 1864, and will finally take leave of the House of Commons at the coming dissolution. Sir Michael has filled the offices of Chief Secretary for Ireland, Secretary for the Colonies, and President of the Board of Trade, besides making a notable Chancellor of the Exchequer.—(Russell.)

DR. CHADWICK AND HIS WIFE.

Marks His Arrival in New York by Declaration of Innocence.

Dr. Chadwick, the husband of the notorious Mrs. Chadwick, reached New York on Saturday on board the steamer Pretoria. He was accompanied by his daughter.

He has, Reuter states, consented to proceed to Cleveland without formality as the guest of the sheriff, who is an old friend of his.

He is described as almost stunned by the suggestion that Mrs. Chadwick and Mme. de Verne were the same person. He had never suspected such a thing, and did not believe it.

PRINCE'S ADVICE TO BOYS

Prince Arthur of Connaught, after inspecting the Federation of London Working Boys' Clubs at the Memorial Hall, Farrington-street, on Saturday, said there was a fine opening for them in the Alpine countries.

By joining the colours they would be returning in some small degree the debt they all owed for the great privilege of being born Englishmen.

While referring to physical exercises he said of boxing that he had a sneaking feeling that he would rather be a spectator than a participant.

The Paris "Figaro," which for many years has been in favour of the Anglo-French entente, has opened a London office, under the direction of Mr. H. S. J. Booth, at 8, Coventry-street.

THE

Noted M.P.s Vying for the Coming Election.

STRIKING LIST.

In view of the probability of a general election in the spring of this year, indicated in a recent article by the "Daily Mirror"—it is interesting to note how large a proportion of the members of the present Parliament do not intend to seek re-election.

When the next Parliament meets changes, the like of which the oldest Parliamentarian has never previously witnessed, will occur in the personnel of the House of Commons.

Of an assembly of 670 members no fewer than sixty-five retire into private life. All but eight of these are Conservatives or Unionists.

Increasing age, the disappearance of the glamour of Parliamentary life, fiscal differences with constituents, the expense of the magic initials to the possessors of slender purses, and last but not least the wear and tear of prolonged and exciting sittings in the energetic atmosphere of Westminster, are principally accountable for the extraordinary number of retirees.

A striking feature of the new House will be the absolutely changed appearance of the Front Benches.

FRONT BENCH RETIREMENTS.

Two Chancellors of the Exchequer will be missed in the respective persons of Sir Michael Hicks-Beach and Mr. Ritchie.

Sir William Walrond, who for many years acted as Chief Government Whip, and was only comparatively recently made Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, with a seat in the Cabinet, is also retiring.

Other Front Bench men before whom there seemed to be a considerable reputation, but who are bringing to an abrupt close their Parliamentary career, are Mr. Grant-Lawson, the Secretary to the Local Government Board, and the Hon. Arthur Brand, the son of a former Speaker and one of the prominent Whips.

"C.B.'s" brother, who has always been a consistent, though never a prominent, Conservative, is retiring from the representation of Glasgow and Aberdeen Universities.

One of the greatest losses to the new House will be the absence of Sir John Colomb, whose great knowledge of naval matters stamped him as one of the most useful Service members of the whole assembly.

None, too, will be Mr. Samuel Smith, whose tall form and flowing beard became very familiar when the hon. gentleman delivered his famous attacks upon the drama a few years ago.

Other familiar faces disappearing are those of Mr. Worsley-Taylor, K.C., whose illuminating speeches on the Licensing Bill in last Session seemed to overshadow a career of even greater brilliance than he enjoyed in the Parliamentary Bar; of Sir W. Houldsworth, than whom none exercised greater influence in the private chamber; of Mr. Daniel Goddard, who was always on evidence on Supply nights; of Mr. Henry Hobhouse, who was recently made a Privy Councillor; of Sir John Aird, the famous engineer; of Sir Samuel Hoare, Sir John Dorington, Sir H. Meysey-Thompson, Mr. W. Murray Guthrie, Mr. Ormsby-Gore, Sir Robert Mowbray, and Sir Thomas Dewart.

Further retirements are indicated in the appended list:—

Sir W. Coddington, Blackburn (C).
Hon. R. Greville, E. Bradford (C).
Capt. Wentworth, Brightlingsea (C).
Sir W. G. Green, Bury St. Edmunds (C).
Sir W. G. Head, Chester (C).
E. Hain, St. Ives (C).
C. J. Murray, Coventry (C).
Capt. Hill, W. Down (C).
J. D. Morgan, S.W. Essex (C).
Right Hon. J. Round, N.E. Essex (C).
Sir N. Agnew, S. Edinburgh (C).
A. H. Smith, E. Hertford (C).
Sir A. F. Godson, Kidderminster (C).
Sir J. Firbank, E. Kingston-on-Hull (C).
Sir W. Mowbray, Lancashire (C).
E. B. Fielden, Middleton, Lancs. (C).
Sir Scott, Leigh, Lancs. (C).
Lord C. Manners, E. Leicestershire (C).
Sir H. C. Govan, Lancashire (C).
G. Howard, Tottenham (C).
G. E. B. Cox, Harrow (C).

Col. Morgan, S. Monmouth (C).
Hon. E. A. Fitzroy, S. Northampton (C).
H. G. Welby, Tonbridge (C).
Sir C. Welby, Newark (C).
A. Markham, Mansfield (L).
A. Brasyer, N. Oxford (C).
Sir W. H. Pashley, Paisley (C).
Sir A. Brown, Mid. Shropshire (C).
E. Lewellyn, N. Somerset (C).
Sir Stanley, Bridgewater (C).
Chas. Bill, Leek, Staffs (C).
Sir H. Meysey-Thompson, Hathershaw, Staffs (C).
Hon. R. Cubitt, S.E. Surrey (C).
Col. E. Welby, Taunton (C).
W. G. Green, Wednesbury (C).
Sir Major Baker, S.W. Hanover (C).
W. H. Myers, Winchester (C).
Sir P. Barry, Windsor (C).
J. W. Wilson, N. Worcester (C).
Sir F. Wilson-Todd, Howdenshire (C).
F. W. Thomson, Skipton (L).
Col. H. Gunter, Barkston Ash (C).
G. D. Faber, York City (C).
J. Hutton, Richmond, Yorks. (C).
G. E. B. Cox, Harrow (C).

SIR E. MONSON, BART.

The King has conferred a baronetcy on Sir Edmund Monson, on his retirement from the post of Ambassador at Paris. The Thatched Cottage, Richmond Park, has been placed at the disposal of Sir Edmund.

Sir Charles Hardinge, Ambassador at St. Petersburg, has had the Grand Cross of the Order of St. Michael and St. George conferred upon him.

Pushers in New
England.

RIGHTFUL COLD ABROAD

The old year passed away in a hurricane, and the new year has made its advent in frost, with a sprinkling of snow and a keen-toothed north-east wind blowing. According to meteorological authorities the cold snap will last for some days.

Over nearly all Central England the mercury fell below freezing-point, and there were no indications of any immediate rise in the temperature. Ice and snow seemed much more probable.

An intensely cold shudder has settled upon Northern Europe, as is shown by the following figures, compared to which the English climate seems balmy :

Paris, 8 degrees of frost.
Berlin, 16 degrees of frost.
Haparanda, North Sweden, 11 degrees below zero.
Karlstad, Central Sweden, 4 degrees below zero.
Munich, 9 degrees above zero.

TOPSY-TURVY TILBURY.

Remarkable After-effects of the Gale and the Tide.

In the wake of Friday's gale and floods it was difficult to identify Tilbury Docks on Saturday. The high tide had swamped the railway station and the dock company's hotel on the river shore. It rose fully five feet beyond high water-mark, and came in at the rate of six feet per hour.

The water poured over the lock gates into the dry dock, where the Atlantic Transport liner *Minneapolis* was shored up, and soon the basin was filled, making the docks look like a great lake. It was impossible to tell the quays from the docks except by stepping into them, and this made the most daring explorers cautious.

Booms, timbers, and painting rafts were raised from the dry dock and washed over the quays. Fortunately the *Minneapolis* did not have her plugs open, else she would have filled and capsized.

A dock policeman suddenly found his hat three feet deep in water. With great difficulty he got the door closed and barred. This raised the water another foot, and he proceeded to bail it out with his helmet through a small window just above the tide outside.

The Tilbury Hotel was cut off from the outside world by the flood, which invaded the kitchen and basement. Mr. Bentley, the manager, took off his boots and socks, and started in to wade to the railway station, but he turned back upon finding himself up to his armpits in icy-cold water.

The most peculiar feature of the high tide was the curious number of huge worms which lay high and dry in all parts of the Tilbury Hotel and dock grounds after the waters had gone down. Even in the bright sunshine of Saturday the worms appeared bemused and incapable of movement.

An old boomer informed the *Daily Mirror* that they were young marine worms which had been churned up from the bed of the North Sea by the gale and tremendous tide.

FORCE OF THE GALE.

Steamers Torn from Their Moorings and Wagons Started on the Railway.

During the week-end the Continent was visited by terrific gales that left a heavy record of disaster behind them. Germany was the chief sufferer. Great damage was done to property and many fatal accidents occurred.

Two fishing-smacks, belonging to the Pilan, founded in the Baltic on Saturday, and the entire crews of ten men were drowned. At Sopotin in Pomerania, the esplanade was wrenched from its foundations and a ship outside the harbour sunk.

Many famous watering-places, like Swinemunde, were partly under water; and at Travemunde all the bathing establishments along the beach have been demolished.

In Hamburg harbour there were exciting scenes. Some vessels, says a Renter dispatch, broke from their moorings and were with difficulty secured by the help of tugs. Three workmen were killed and four injured by a newly-built house being blown down at Bonn.

Driven ashore near Geestemunde, the crew, numbering fourteen, of the British steamer Italia were rescued by means of the rocket apparatus.

Owing to an abnormally high tide an abrahouse at Wiesk, near Eldean, was washed away, drowning three women and four children.

Snow came with the hurricane in several parts, and on many German railways trains were arriving hours late.

The hurricane performed an unusual feat at Schoenewiede, by driving forward four heavy goods cars that stood on a siding with all the brakes on. After going some distance the wagons collided with a goods train, and a stoker was killed and several railway employees were injured.

FORGIVING BRIDEGROOM.

Marries a Girl Who Nearly Robbed Him of Life.

A curious little romance ended in a wedding at Birkenhead on Saturday. Ellen Kelly, though sincerely loving her admirer, Donald McLoughlin, had flung into a passion with him a few days ago, and stabbed him with a baton in the chest.

The lover narrowly escaped death, and his hot-tempered sweetheart was charged in the police court with wounding him. McLoughlin, with rare magnanimity, harboured no resentment against her, and, agreeing to marry her, asked the Bench to absent her from the presence of the magistrates, however, stony-hearted, and committed her for trial.

She was liberated on bail, and the faithful lover took advantage of her being set at liberty to leave her from the dock to the altar.

Her trial takes place at Chester Assizes, which open on Friday, and in view of this fact there will

UNEMPLOYED COLONISTS.

How the Workless Spend Their Time at Hadleigh.

LIBERAL BILL OF FARE.

There is a brighter side to the dark picture of distress among the London unemployed. It is seen at the Salvation Army Colony at Hadleigh, where work and food have been found up to date for 175 men, including sixty sent down yesterday as guests of the Mansion House Fund—"M. H." men as they are called. Another twenty-five will follow shortly, making the 200 whom the Salvation Army has undertaken to entertain.

The pity is that these figures represent all the men for whom the fund, with £35,520 at its dis-

Curious Effect of Paying an Annual Salary in Weekly Sums.

A great many clerks and business employees, although in regular employment, were staggered to find that the cashier had no money for them last Saturday.

These unfortunate persons belonged to the class of employees who have an annual salary, of which they draw a £2d portion every Saturday. But each year contains an extra day—Leap-years contain two—so that the system involves a small overpayment every year.

Once in six years, however, there comes a day of reckoning, when the accumulated overpayments must be refunded.

The year 1904 was one of these years, for it contained fifty-three Saturdays, consequently employers' obligations ended on the 52nd Saturday, which was the 23rd of December.

Many of the unfortunates had completely overlooked this contingency, and are now strongly of opinion that the system of annual salaries is an out-of-date survival, which should be forthwith abolished.

NATION ON ITS KNEES.

Incidents in Westminster That Recall Features of South Wales Movement.

The revivalist feeling made itself manifest during a series of meetings at Christ Church, Westminster Bridge-road, on Saturday. The Rev. F. B. Meyer predicted that before long the whole nation would be on its knees.

The Rev. Gregory Mantle said that when in Wales he felt that he was treading on holy ground; and "Gipsy" Smith elicited cries of "Amen" by declaring that the churches had too much preaching and too little praying.

While the congregation sang "Praise the Lord," a young man made his way to the pulpit and rested his head on his hands in an attitude of prayer. "Why not let the young man speak? It may be that he has the message," called out a member of the congregation.

The Rev. Dr. Campbell Morgan said that God would not do in London what had been done in South Wales, for London people could not like the Welsh.

TO-DAY'S BARGAINS.

Points for Ladies to Remember of the Sales.

The great winter sales, which cannot offer a bigger and more varied collection of gains than those of any previous year, begin, agreement, for the first time, 129 big houses commence "selling off" on the s

Most of the important houses, now divided into many different departments, but there are certain firms which ladies will do well to keep in mind.

For dresses, at Robinson and Cleaver's, linen and lace curtains are to be obtained at the sale at bargain prices.

At Peter Robinson's there is a vast variety of every item of attire; Jay's will attract many account of their black dresses and materials.

Lewis and Allenby's are noteworthy for French model dresses. For costumes and lace, Derry and Tom's occupy an eminent position. Harrod's sale, which also begins to-day, will appeal to fur hunters among others.

Last, but not least, some remarkable bargains in jewellery are to be had at Debenham and Freebody's, who are disposing of part of the stock of Streeter's, late of Bond-street.

FOR THE NEW YEAR.

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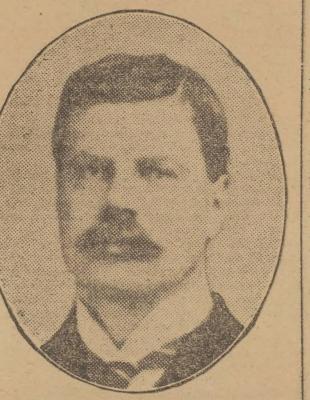
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SIGNOR MARCONI,



The great scientist and inventor who brought wireless telegraphy into practice. The value of his work has been finally recognised in the agreement he has just concluded with the Post Office. (Underwood and Underwood.)

LORD STANLEY.



As Postmaster-General, Lord Stanley represented officially in the arrangement made with Signor Marconi, by which wireless telegrams for Atlantic liners are accepted at the post offices. (Elliott and Fry.)

be no honeymoon. McLoughlin, who is a ship's carpenter, only twenty-one years old, has joined the Roman Catholic Church for the sake of his wife.

His devotion to her has been touching. At the police court, when the solicitor for the defence asked him: "Will you marry this girl if she gets out of this trouble?" he solemnly but cheerfully answered "I will." He freely confessed that he had been taunting her about his flirtations with another girl, and that it was due to him that she lost control of herself.

The hapless used as a weapon had doubled up by roming in contact with one of McLoughlin's ribs, otherwise it must have fatal.

IS IT A GHOST?

Man in a Mask Who Frightened Young Ladies at Play.

While the Buxton Ladies' Hockey Club were playing in a field adjoining the cemetery a man wearing only a shirt, a topcoat, and a black mask appeared on the graveyard wall.

One of the ladies screamed, and the figure dropped to the ground and disappeared as suddenly as if he had burrowed in the earth. It was even surmised that he must have hidden in an open grave.

The fame of this real full-grown Humpty Dumpty soon spread over the town, and Superintendent Jones has instructed all his men to keep a look-out for him. But so far the droll figure has only appeared to ladies, usually performing some acrobatic feats and then vanishing, as one witness said, "into thin air."

Reports of his antics reach the police from all quarters of the town, and the theory is that some circus clown has either escaped from a lunatic asylum, or is qualifying for admission to one.

50,000 FEWER VOLUNTEERS.

Rightly or wrongly, it is commonly stated in Portsmouth military circles that the Army Council intends, when the next Estimates are introduced, to propose a reduction of the Volunteer force by 50,000 men.

While this rumour was being circulated Mr. Arnold-Foster, Secretary of State for War, addressed a letter to the 1st Hants Artillery Volunteers at Southampton, in which he said it was the aim of the War Office to encourage every good Volunteer unit.

They are also indulged in the luxury of cups and saucers, as compared with the plain mug and platter of the ordinary casual colonist.

Besides, while the colonist proper has to content himself with a leather covering to his bed, in place of a sheet, the "M. H." men are provided with superior bedding, and can have their linen washed for them.

The scale of diet is a liberal one. For breakfast, corned-beef, bacon, porridge, or eggs, accompany the bread and butter and tea; roast meat, vegetables, and pudding provide an ample dinner; and with tea there is always a supply of salmon, corned-beef, or german sausage.

Detective's Purchase of a Spurious Bank-note.

Mother and Children Fight for Life Against Demented Father.

PRISONERS IN COURT.

More about the arrest for the forgery of £5 Bank of England notes was discovered on Saturday, when two men and a woman were charged at the Mansion House Police Court with "forging and uttering" on December 27, 1904, a £5 Bank of England note."

They were a strange, oddly-contrasting trio—short and poorly dressed, the third a tall, smart, clean-shaven man, with a racing look about his father and natty bowler.

Mr. Freshfield, who prosecuted on behalf of the Bank of England, stated that the smartest of the trio was described on the charge-sheet as "Herbert Robinson, 35, of Great Queen-street, Holborn, a professional singer," was the person who negotiated the forged note. The shorter, foreign-looking man, dressed in labourer's clothes, described as Joseph Holloway, 40, of 20, Victoria-street, Hackney-road," was the man, said Mr. Freshfield, who forged the note, while the woman, short, stout, black cloak and straw hat, described as "Mary Ann Harman, 56, French polisher," was a person whom he had earlier promised to be used for the purposes of forgery.

"No, that was not so," said the woman when Mr. Freshfield made this statement.

Mr. Freshfield remarked that Holloway, whilst professing to be a labourer, was a foreign Jew, and Robinson was probably an American.

In a court crowded with interested City people the case was outlined, taking the woman first.

Curious Letter from Nice.

Mr. Freshfield justified the charge by reading a letter addressed to her from Nice, and found on her mantelpiece when the police made their raid on Friday. It ran:

Dear Mrs. Harman,—Jack Wilson gave me your address, and told me to mention on his name. I want three fifties and the rest twenty and ten for the enclosed postal order. Send them on to this address as soon as possible. Send those with the blackest ink.

Though he mentioned the fact that the Bank of England had for some time believed that forged Bank of England notes were being prepared for circulation on the Continent, Mr. Freshfield kept to the date mentioned in the charge—December 22.

On that day Robinson was seen to go to the house of the other prisoners, and was heard by a detective to say to the woman:

"Tell them to go to the fried-fish shop."

At the shop Robinson met two other men, with whom he went to a public-house, where the following conversation is said to have taken place:

Forged Note Changes Hands.

Robinson: I will give you 50s. for five of them. Have you one with you?

Holloway: Yes.

Upon this Holloway handed a forged £5 note to Robinson, who passed it to another man, receiving in exchange money, which was shared between Holloway and Robinson.

Though Mr. Freshfield did not state it, the third man was apparently a detective who, cleverly disguised, was keeping touch with the alleged forgers.

This forged £5 note was handed by Mr. Freshfield to the Lord Mayor, who remarked:

"It's a fine forged note."

Mr. Freshfield: They were for circulation abroad. One of the officers will tell you later that he actually saw one of the prisoners making the note.

On the prisoner Holloway (whose portrait appears on page 8) at the police station a number of "Bank of Engraving" notes were found. He accounted for them by saying:

"I have some 'bills' (bank notes) which people have to make them appear fresh. I sell them for £5 each. My wife's uncle used to make them. He has been dead four years, and left about a thousand behind. I know nothing about Bank of England notes."

Detective-inspector Ottaway stated that a tracing of a Bank of England note was found in the house in Victoria-street, Hackney. The note from which the forgery was made came through a French bank.

All three prisoners were remanded till Friday next.

DIRECTION CHARGED WITH FRAUD.

As a large number of books must necessarily be examined, only formal evidence was taken when Samuel Cooper, late managing director of the Perseverance Homes Assurance Company (Limited), was charged at Leeds on Saturday with fraud. Counsel for the Treasury intimated that a charge of issuing a fraudulent balance-sheet would be preferred, and the prisoner was then remanded until Friday.

By the collapse of the Perseverance Homes Company many certificated shareholders, working-class families, in the North of England, have been practically ruined. The company's main object was to provide opportunities for thrift.

The Soho watchmaker, Samuel Snapper, who fired at a customer with a revolver, has been certified as insane.

A peculiarly terrible scene in a bedroom was described by a woman named Chillingworth at a Hoxton inquest.

Her husband, a plasterer, had been out of work for eleven weeks, and during that period had done little else but drink. After a drunken orgy on Wednesday he was sitting—apparently asleep—in an armchair, when Mrs. Chillingworth and her six children went to bed.

Shortly after midnight he woke up and entered the bedroom, where the woman and her daughter were in bed, with a saw in his hand. He was quite mad, and threatened to saw all their heads off. They jumped out of bed, and after a struggle got the saw away from him. He went downstairs, and returned with a wood-chopper in his hand.

A tremendous struggle followed, in which Mrs. Chillingworth, her husband, her son, and daughter were all mixed up together. The lamp was knocked over, but fortunately went out. They all fell on the bed together, and then succeeded in wrenching the chopper from him. He appeared to fall off to sleep, so they all left him. Some hours later it was found that he was dead.

The woman said that her husband was not struck in any way, and the medical evidence showed that death was due to heart failure following an attack of delirium tremens and the struggle which took place.

The coroner requested that an inquiry should be made into the conduct of two constables, who, it was said, had refused to enter the house.

THE RIGHT HON. CHARLES T. RITCHIE, M.P.



After thirty years of Parliamentary life, he will leave the House of Commons at the coming dissolution. Besides holding other important positions, Mr. Ritchie has been Home Secretary and Chancellor of the Exchequer.—(Russell.)

MAKE THE ANGELS WEEP."

Prisoner's Eloquent Denunciation of Methods of Diamond Detectives.

With passionate eloquence Arthur John Braun, who has been accused as a fugitive convict from California, pleaded from the dock at Bow-street Crown Court that he was the victim of injustice. He said that he was sentenced to seven years' penal servitude on a charge of purchasing diamonds without a licence. The conviction was obtained on the false evidence of a "trap," and his sentence was one of unexampled severity. He made his escape when sent to a gaol for prisoners too ill to work.

"I had paid blackmail until I could pay it no longer," he cried, "and then these scoundrels (the diamond detectives) sold my body for blood-money. Angels in heaven must have wept at the injustice done by this trapping system."

"Don't hound me to a felon's doom—perhaps a felon's grave—without a chance of proving my innocence," he concluded.

A commitment for extradition, which allows fifteen days in which to appeal to the King's Bench, was made.

Braun at once gave notice of his intention to appeal.

IDENTIFIED BY A RING.

By means of a ring of peculiar design on the third finger of the right hand the body of a middle-aged woman, which was found in the Thames near Chelsea Bridge on Saturday, has been identified as that of Mrs. Ellen Williams, of Bermondsey. She had been missing since Boxing Day.

The first "call" which the London firemen received in the new year was a minute after midnight, and summoned them to a fire at Deptford.

Fourteen-Year-Old Scholar Who Weighs Twenty-three Stone.

J. TRUNDLEY'S RIVAL.

It has been left to the new year to discover the fattest boy in England.

The fame of Johnny Trundley, the fat boy of Peckham, has resounded through two hemispheres for more than twelve months past, and it was generally thought that he was the last word in youthful corpulence. But a fatter boy than Johnny has been discovered. He has remained in modest obscurity in the small Kentish village of Woodchurch, near Ashford. He might have lived and died with but a local reputation, but accident has just discovered him to an astonished world.

Charles Watts is only fourteen, but he is six feet high, and weighs twenty-three stone. He is thus nearly double the weight of an ordinary man of thirty of his stature. His legs are like small oak trunks, and his arms would have done credit to Porphyros, the giant musketeer.

Watts is as strong as he is big. With all his weight of flesh he is active; he plays cricket, of which he is very fond, with all the ardour and some of the skill of a budding Grace. At his school—he still goes to school, where he has to sit at a special desk—he is considered a desirable addition to an eleven.

PASSION FOR MARBLES.

But perhaps his favourite recreation is marbles. He loves that innocent form of recreation, and wins vast quantities from other boys. To see this giant "knuckling down" in the school playground is worth a long day's march. The other boys look like Lilliputians by his side.

As a pupil he is intelligent and docile enough. He is of an affable character, and never rebels against the master, which is perhaps fortunate for the master, in view of their relative sizes. A glance at the picture on page I will speak more eloquently than words on this point.

Watts was remarkable from his birth. He was a very big baby, and grew up to be a most voracious child. He used regularly to eat two sets of meals, one at his parents', and the other at an uncle's. Fat bacon and roast beef chiefly appealed to him; sweets he has always regarded with something like contempt, as fit only for babies.

For thirteen years Watts ate with the appetite of that patron saint of all fat boys, the immortal Joe of "Pickwick"—also, by the way, a Kentish product. But during the last year his appetite has fallen off.

STRENGTH OF AN ORDINARY MAN.

It is not believed that a tender passion was responsible for this diminished taste for the good things of life; Watts has never shown a tendency to fall in love. Whatever the cause, his parents were quite alarmed when he began to take only one set of meals instead of two. But visions of poor Charlie in a decline were not fulfilled. On the contrary, he has grown stouter than ever during the last year, and has added nearly 3st. to his weight.

Unlike the fat boy in Pickwick he is not at all sleepy, and only spends about nine hours a night in bed. After school hours he works on his father's farm, where his great strength—equal to that of an ordinary man—makes him useful. Watts has no wish to be exhibited. Though his parents have received numerous offers, they have been steadily declined. They are quite proud of their giant offspring, but they do not want to make money out of his abnormal development.

Thus Johnny Trundley need not feel alarmed for his laurels. Though only half the age he is more than half as heavy, and another seven years' steady application to business will place him far above his modest Kentish rival.

LITTLE GIRL AS A PENDULUM.

Lecturing to children on Saturday at the Royal United Service Institution on "Methods of Measuring Time," Mr. Henry Cunynghame made an ingenious experiment.

To a large escapement wheel, was fastened an "Aunt Sally" holding a swing. The genial professor put a little girl from the audience on the swing, making her the "bob" of the pendulum.

The escapement being released "Sally" sprang back, and every time the swing went forward vigorously pulled it back again, to the great amusement of the juvenile audience.

FIGHT WITH A BURGLAR.

Discovered in the kitchen of a house in Robert-street, Newport (Mon.), a burglar hurled a cup at the occupant of the house, Robert Channon, and then attacked him with a poker. There was a terrible struggle, which ended in Channon being beaten into unconsciousness and the burglar, who is believed to be a sailor, escaping without any booty.

A statement issued by the Treasury shows that the total revenue for the quarter ending December 31, 1904, was £34,579,336 as compared with £23,540,884 for the corresponding three months of 1903.

Curious Story of Her Husband.

Her Husband.

After six years of married life, Mr. Donald Macleod parted quite informally on in a Bloomsbury boarding-house.

"It is rather funny," remarked Mrs. Marie Macleod, an elegantly-robed lady, with reference to this, when asking the West London magistrate to grant her a separation on the ground of his husband's desertion. She is a Belgian, and married Mr. Macleod, an engineer, in Scotland, where she met him while playing in a comic opera.

"He told me," the lady continued, "that he had fallen in love with a lady in the house, and he cared for her more than me. He went away, and hasn't lived with me since."

Referring to her theatrical career, Mrs. Macleod said that after appearing in comic opera, she joined Mr. Tree's company in "The Darling of the Gods," at a weekly salary of £2. She is not acting now, and has to rely on the charity of her friends.

"You always had a great liking for the stage?"

"Yes, ever since I was born."

"Didn't you agree to separate, you to go back to the stage and he to Scotland?—No."

He was hard up at that time?—Nonsense. He gave me a good supper at the Trocadero the night before he left me. I went home on an omnibus. I expect he had a cab, as he never rides in omnibuses.

Are you not exceedingly attached to him?—No, I can be polite. I could not fight him in the street.

When do you say your affection ceased?—I don't wish to go back to him. We are better apart. I shall be quite happy if he allows me £2 a week.

Mr. Rose: You are fond of gentlemen other than your husband?—Who is not?

Mr. Rose: That is a most disheartening answer. (Laughter.)

The magistrate held that there had been desertion, and granted the complainant a separation, with £2s. a week alimony.

HOUSE WITHOUT WINDOWS.

Quarrelsome Companion Attacks a Girl and Wrecks Her Home.

A remarkable charge of assault was heard at Kingston-on-Thames on Saturday.

With deliberate malice, Andrew Cochrane, a young labourer, is alleged to have smashed every window—eighteen in number—at South Wales Hotel, Acme-road, Kingston. He is also accused of violently assaulting Gerty Taylor, one of the occupants.

According to her story, Cochrane had become quarrelsome while accompanying her and her brother from Teddington to Kingston. Finally he knocked her down and kicked her as she lay on the ground. When she got into the house she bolted the door, but Cochrane smashed the kitchen window and its framework, and climbed in.

The girl was afterwards found lying unconscious at the foot of the stairs, surrounded by broken bottles and glass, while every window had been smashed. The girl afterwards stated that she believed she had been stabbed.

The prisoner was remanded.

BOLD CLUB ROBBERY.

Stewardess Found Drugged and Bound Under Mysterious Circumstances.

There has been a remarkable outrage at the Conservative Club, Worksop, and the police are now searching for a little man with a dark moustache, who wears a dark coat and a check cloth cap. In the bar of the club about seven o'clock on Friday evening a member discovered Mrs. Curtis, the stewardess, lying unconscious on the floor at the back of the counter. Her right leg was tied with a towel, which had been twice knotted, to the leg of a table.

Brought back to consciousness the stewardess's first words were: "Is he going to shoot? Has he gone?" She went on to explain that a man had entered, and, after posing as a relative of the club's secretary, had held a pistol to her head and threatened to shoot her. He then pressed a handkerchief to her mouth and she lost consciousness. Gold and silver to the amount of £5 10s., together with the day's takings, had disappeared from the bar.

Last May the same club premises were entered at night and a sum of £22 stolen, no clue to the burglar being discovered.

The remarkable feature of the outrage on Friday was that at the time of its occurrence two members of the club were playing billiards in an adjoining room. They heard a slight noise, but attached no importance to it.

SUSPECTED OF MURDER.

The York police have arrested a man on suspicion of being the murderer of Mr. and Mrs. William Hewitt, who were found in their house at Blossom-street, York, with their heads battered in. The arrest was made at 8.30 p.m. on Saturday by a constable who had been left to watch the house.

New Year Will
ace and Prosperity.

ROUBLE FOR RUSSIA.

Mr. William Head, who has achieved remarkable success in the past in his forecasts by the medium of colour rays, consented on Saturday to make a forecast of 1905 for the *Daily Mirror*.

"Every day and every hour has its own colour," he said, "and each colour has its meaning. I am able, therefore, by the combination of colour for each period, to work out precisely what may be expected to happen."

"During this year the autocracy of Russia will receive its deathblow. I foresee trouble in Russia that will stir Europe as nothing since the French Revolution has done. It will cause the Tsar to realise once and for all that reform is needed, and he will be the man to bring it about."

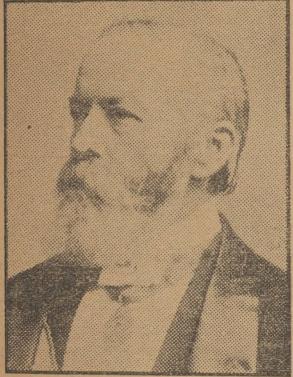
"Now," continued Mr. Head, "we will take the year month by month. In January the colours show that there will be a great financial crash in the south of England. Among important firms offering assistance will be the Bank of England."

"February will see some important new work undertaken in connection with the Navy."

"March will be an important month, in that it will see a very striking international event. I believe it will be the calling together of an assembly of representatives of the various Powers in an endeavour to promote international peace. In March a general election will be imminent. All preparations will be ready in April for the election."

"May and June will mark a great improvement in trade and commerce all round. In June I see

LORD SUFFIELD.



A near neighbour and personal friend of the King. He is seventy-four years old to-day.—(Russell.)

the commencement of an important new electrical venture. The venture I refer to will be of connecting link between ourselves and India.

"July is a very bad month indeed. For many weeks we shall be on the border of a great European war. Finally, we shall only be saved by a wonderful stroke of diplomacy on the part of the King."

"August will be chiefly notable for this settlement of affairs. September will be a month of great commercial prosperity."

"In October there will be a considerable stir in medical science. Important discoveries on the psychological side will be made which will result in doing away to a large extent with medicine and operations."

"Two very important events will mark November. A member of the English Royal Family will pass away, and Russia will lose her autocracy."

"The last month of the year," added Mr. Head, "will see England in a settled and prosperous condition. This country and America will benefit largely by Russo-Japanese war, and Japan will receive very few of the advantages she expects. The war, as a matter of fact, will put Japan back many years."

FAREWELL, 1904.

Just for a minute at midnight on Saturday the old year was slowly out. Then from every church rang out the New Year bells. They pealed out in the frosty air, and thousands of voices were raised to greet the newly-born year.

St. Paul's Churchyard was thronged nearly an hour before midnight.

The crowd, which grew thicker and thicker as the minutes drew on to midnight, gave vent to its emotion by the blowing of tin trumpets and the lusty singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and other songs of Scotland. Suddenly the clock began to chime, and the throng was hushed to silence. On the last stroke, the silence gave place to one great, deafening cheer.

Mr. Frederick Clifford, K.C., Bencher of the Middle Temple, and chairman of directors of the "Sheffield Daily Telegraph," has died.

Mr. Balfour will leave his East Lothian residence of Whittingham to-day for a visit of some days to Chatsworth.

The Prince of Wales has accepted the invitation of the president and council to become a royal member of the British Numismatic Society.

Owing to the over-production of boots and lack of buyers, the prices of working men's boots are twenty-five per cent. less now than six months ago.

Hospital Saturday Fund receipts from the works, shops and business houses of London in support of the medical charities have reached nearly £19,000.

SUMMER CHILDREN TALLER.

Children who wish to be tall should arrange to be born between March and August, which is the best time in the year for growth.

Recent medical investigations show that children born in this period are taller than those who come into the world between September and February.

STARLINGS HATCHED IN WINTER.

So mild has been the weather in Ayrshire that numbers of birds have been deceived into the belief that spring has come.

A swallow's nest, of last season's building, which hangs over the window of a house in Patna, has been taken possession of by a pair of starlings, whose young have already been hatched there.

TURKEYS 2d. A POUND.

Late on Saturday night Smithfield Market presented the appearance of a bawling auction.

Salesmen, who had large consignments of Christmas turkeys to get rid of, were offering 17lb. birds at the ridiculous price of 3s. 6d., while English geese were in many places marked up at 3d. a pound.

FATAL COLLIERY EXPLOSION.

While engaged in removing a charge of blasting powder from a tunnel in the Worsley Main Colliery, near Wigan, on Saturday, James Collinson was killed by the explosion of the shot.

His companion, William Berry, who was also injured by the explosion, is now lying at Wigan Infirmary in a critical condition.

IRISH-GROWN TOBACCO.

Experiments in tobacco-growing by Colonel Everard, in Co. Meath, have proved so successful that several Dublin tobacconists now have on sale a home-grown smoking mixture.

Pure Irish tobacco is said to smoke rather strong, but mixed with plants from Virginia, as a cut tobacco, it is pleasant and cool.

ECHO OF KING'S CONVALESCENCE.

His Majesty the King has graciously given a donation of twenty-five guineas to the fund now being raised for the enlargement of the Hunstanton Convalescent Home.

Originally erected in 1872 as a thank-offering for the convalescence of His Majesty, then Prince of Wales, this home has ever been generously supported by the Royal Family.

HIS DANGER.

Whilst driving a butcher's cart through Rochdale, Lancashire, on Saturday, a boy named Jackson violently collided with another vehicle.

For a moment it was feared that Jackson had been crushed to death by the cart, which was turned over completely, but, creeping from the wreckage unharmed, the boy merely exclaimed, "I'll get sacked for this."

INSURANCE COMPANY CURSED.

On being called to give evidence at the inquest on the body of his insured daughter, Arthur Boden, at Wensley, near Matlock, on Saturday, solemnly declared the insurance company in open court,

To their verdict, in accordance with the medical evidence, the jury added a rider that no insurance company ought to have insured the girl in her known state of health.

MOTORIST OF SEVENTY KILLED.

At the age of seventy-one Mr. Thomas Couchman, of Cochrane-street, St. John's Wood, and with a friend for a ride in a motor-car,

Whilst returning along the Finchley-road the car overturned, and Mr. Couchman, being thrown violently on to the pavement, died from the injuries received.

At the inquest on his body, last Saturday, the coroner's jury at Marylebone returned a verdict of Accidental Death.

LIFEBOAT SERVICES IN 1904.

Though stormy financially, 1904 was by no means a stormy year at sea.

In making its report for the past year, however, the Royal National Lifeboat Institution announces that, notwithstanding the comparatively calm weather, the lifeboat crews have rendered many valuable life-saving services.

Altogether lifeboats were launched 294 times last year, with the result that thirty-four vessels and boats were saved from partial or total loss, and 519 lives saved.

During the past year agents of the Musical Copyright Association have seized 913,252 copies of pirated music.

Acting on medical orders, the Rev. R. J. Campbell, who has been suffering from overstrain, will take a holiday after Sunday next.

The late Mrs. Helen Adelaide de Tivoli, of 1, Hall-road, St. John's Wood, who possessed a favourite poodle dog, has left an annuity of £200 for its maintenance.

Mr. James Fleming, I.S.O., is appointed collector of Customs and Registrar of Shipping for the Port of London, in succession to Mr. William Muir, I.S.O., retired.

ARTLESS ANSWER.

Speculating the veracity of her evidence, the magistrate reminded a witness at the Leeds Police Court on Saturday that she was on her oath.

"I know I am on my oath," said the witness, "or I would not speak the truth."

ANOTHER FRANKLIN RELIEVER.

John William Smith, whose death was announced in Saturday's *Daily Mirror*, was not, it appears, the last survivor of the Franklin Relief Expedition.

According to a correspondent there still lives in the infirmary at Liskeard, Cornwall, an old man, named George Lower, who took part in the search for Franklin.

NOT SAFE NEAR A FIRE.

After tying her baby into its chair, Mrs. Cree, of Forest-road, Nottingham, thought she might safely venture out to do some shopping.

On her return, however, she found the chair upset and the baby's head resting on the hot bars of the grate, with the result that the child's death was on Saturday reported to the coroner.

BULLDOG V. BULLOCK.

While being driven along the Narborough-road, Leicester, on Saturday, a bullock was savagely attacked by a bulldog.

Fastening its teeth into the unfortunate animal's nose, the dog mauled it so severely that the bullock, when the dog was at length beaten off, had to be put out of its misery at a slaughter-house.

NAVAL V.C. HERO.

The death is announced, at Plymouth, of Quartermaster George Hinckley, one of the very few Navy men who have been decorated with the Victoria Cross.

Mr. Hinckley, who was eighty-five years of age, won his decoration during the Chinese War for carrying two wounded officers out of danger in the face of great odds.

JOHN PEEL'S GOLF COURSE.

In memory of John Peel, the famous Cumberland huntman, the jubilee of whose death was recently celebrated, a golf course is to be laid down on Ellerbeck Common near Caldbeck.

The links, which it is hoped will be ready in March, will be equidistant from the house at Greenrigg, where Peel was born, and from Ruthwaite, where he lived and died.

BENCH "A LITTLE WISER."

Under the plea that permission had been given on a former occasion at Wolverhampton Bench to ask on Saturday to grant a licence for the sale of intoxicants at a Roman Catholic bazaar,

"We cannot grant a licence," said the chairman, "as we think it improper and not in the interests of the Church. We are a little wiser to-day in many things."

HONOUR AMONG THIEVES.

Charged with housebreaking at Yarmouth, Charles Gray, who was caught in the act, vehemently asserted that he was a prisoner, Benjamin Harvey, had had "no hand in the job."

Harvey, however, who had only been arrested on suspicion, loudly protested his complicity in the robbery, with the result that, though there was no evidence against him, both men were committed for trial.

NATIONAL VICTORIA MEMORIAL.

For the first time in its history the Winter Exhibition of the Academy, which opens to-day, includes the work of a living artist.

This is a large model of Mr. Thomas Brock's design for the National Memorial to Queen Victoria, which is to be erected in front of Buckingham Palace.

Queen Victoria is represented enthroned and draped, while grouped round her are allegorical figures typifying "Truth," "Justice," and "Motherhood."

ANOTHER CHOCOLATE VILLAGE.

Having some two or three years ago purchased 120 acres of land at Earlswood, about two miles from the city of York, Mr. Joseph Rowntree has commenced to erect there a garden village, intended chiefly, but not exclusively, for the use of the employees of his cocoa works.

Thirty houses are already occupied, and in order to provide for the development of the village Mr. Rowntree has now conveyed the estate to trustees, together with a considerable amount of invested capital, which is to form the endowment of the trust.

Descriptions of the Principal Photographs in To-day's "Daily Mirror."

ALL ABOUT THE PICTURES.

THE FIRST MARCONIGRAM.

The first message to be accepted by the Post Office for transmission by wireless telegraphy under the new arrangements with the Marconi Company was forwarded by the *Daily Mirror* to the captain of the Kroonland, conveying to him the good wishes that could be read on page 1. The receipt—No. 1, it will be observed, which is reproduced in facsimile on the same page, is probably destined to become historical as the first authentic document connected with a new era in the world's progress. The possibilities opened up by the general adoption of wireless telegraphy as a means of communication with vessels far away from land suggest many interesting ideas to the speculative mind. It will certainly be more difficult in future for absconding criminals to make their escape from the long arm of justice; and the invalid who takes a voyage to get away from the worry and excitement of life ashore will also be disposed to regret that Marconi ever materialised his brilliant ideas, but in the main the new means of communication will be a boon. Perhaps the most tragic idea that it suggests is that the passengers and crew of a doomed vessel might send farewell messages to their friends with the ship actually sinking under their feet. To receive such a message, and know oneself impotent to give any help, would be terrible indeed.

THE CHAMPION FAT BOY.

Something or other in the air just now seems to be favourable to the production of fat boys, for several have come forward lately to claim the championship for bulk. We fancy, however, that the equal of the Bulky boy we have discovered at Woodchuck, near Ashford, will not easily be found. A fair better idea of his proportions than any figures can give may be obtained by a glance at the illustrations on pages 1 and 8, but it is interesting to know that he stands 6 ft. in height and has achieved the extraordinary weight of 23 stone. Since he is only four years of age, and may be expected to go on growing in every direction for another seven years or more, it can only be dimly imagined what sort of a figure he may ultimately attain to.

"SHERLOCK HOLMES" IN REAL LIFE.

The clever detectives who are every day at work tracking down criminals and unravelling mysteries do not, unfortunately, have a "Dr. Watson" at their elbow to record their brilliant methods like Dr. Conan Doyle's well-known hero, or we should have a series of stories which would eclipse Sherlock Holmes entirely. Detective-Inspector John Harvey, who appears in the extreme left-hand side in the photograph on page 1, is one of the most notable of British detectives and has never performed a finer piece of work than in the investigations which led to the arrest of the alleged bank-note forgers who are now in custody. Disguised as a sea-faring man, he made his inquiries and observations so carefully that the people he was watching had no idea that the slightest suspicion was directed at them until the case was complete and they were arrested.

WINTER CLOTHING FOR JAPANESE SOLDIERS.

The Japanese are masters of organisation and detail, and the manner in which the troops in Manchuria have been supplied with all necessities is not less worthy of admiration than the splendid valour of the men. Our own War Office has so high an opinion of the perfection of the equipment supplied to the Japanese soldiers for their winter campaign that they have acquired the complete outfit, to be seen in the photograph on page 9, as a model for the British Army should occasion arise. It is on view at the United Service Institution.

WORK FOR WOOLWICH.

If it is "an ill wind that blows nobody any good," it is also a good wind that blows nobody any ill, and the conclusion of the South African war meant no more work for thousands of men who had been earning good wages at Woolwich Arsenal. But the new order for guns has given fresh hopes to the unemployed of Woolwich, and, something like 13,000 strong, they have been besieging the gates of the national arsenal with applications for work. It will be welcome enough coming now, but it would have been better still a few weeks earlier. It is decidedly a pity in every way that the powers that be did not set about rearming the British artillery a little earlier.

UNDERGROUND LONDON.

If one could but see the network of pipes and conduits beneath the metropolis would be something amazing. Not are all these subterranean channels small affairs. Look, for instance, at the picture on page 9, which shows a section of the huge drainage system projected by the London County Council for construction. When these works are complete, it is hoped the flooding of low-lying neighbourhoods by storm water in times of heavy rain will be a thing of the past. At present it is a frequent occurrence, and constitutes a grave danger to the public health. In five years' time the County Council will control over three hundred miles of main and flood sewers, exclusive of borough local sewers, representing an expenditure of more than £7,000,000.

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SNUG BERTHS IN DANGER.

IS Rumour right in attributing to Sir John Fisher a determination to cut down office expenses at the Admiralty? If so, he is preparing for himself a strenuous new year, but at the same time going the right way to win the gratitude of the public. For it would not be merely at the Admiralty that money would be saved. As soon as one Government office is run on common-sense lines the others will have to follow suit whether they like it or not.

Such a reform as this could only be begun by a man of Sir John Fisher's type. From within no suggestion of change can be expected. Nor are Ministers, who are given the nominal charge of departments for a time, at all likely to make any move in the matter. They would be afraid that in any general reduction of salaries their own might be the first to suffer. The First Naval Lord is, by nature, a reformer, a rooter-up of shams and abuses without regard either for his own popularity or for other people's prejudices.

Many people suppose that the work which occupies clerks in a Government office is of a most important and confidential kind. They imagine them dealing with State secrets, discussing the innmost plans of foreign Powers, handling with the easy grace conferred upon them by Eton and Oxford, the most intricate questions of deep public interest.

So much for imagination. Reality reveals the Government clerk to us, not doing nothing, like his predecessor of fifty years ago, but employed all day on an infinity of duties which call for merely routine qualities and could well be discharged by an intelligent youth at 25s. a week.

Why, then, if their work is not worth it, do we continue to pay our Government clerks salaries ranging from £400 to £1,000 a year? Simply because the ruling class likes to provide pleasant, well-paid jobs for its sons and nephews and grandchildren. Anyone who has not been to a public school and to the University stands very little chance of securing a position in a Government office. We are paying for polish.

Other nations manage to get the routine-work of the departments of State done quite as well as ours is done for a great deal less money.

TO STOP OVERTROWDING.

Who does not know the delightfully self-confident woman who arrives, smiling pleasantly, in the inside of an omnibus on a wet day, and expects "any gentleman" who happens to be there to "be so kind as to give up his seat" to her?

She always succeeds, too. No man under eighty would have the courage to refuse. Let him sit still and his ears will be greeted by an acid, "Never mind. I am used to standing," while he will be conscious of the stony, disapproving gaze of all the other members of her sex in the omnibus.

All who have suffered from this particular form of torture will approve of the bold doings of the male citizens of Nebraska City. These enterprising people have just founded a club, of which all the members are bound under solemn oaths to refrain from giving up their seats in trams to women.

What is the object of this? What will be the result? Why, women, driven to desperation, will start so piercing an outcry that the street car company will be compelled to put more cars on the streets. "If you want a thing done, set a woman to do it," that is what they believe in Nebraska. Are there enough brave men in London to try the same plan here on our overcrowded railways?

A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

Let bygones be bygones, wha's happed at another Dinn' about the auld days and the new anes together;

With the faults and the failings o' past years be done,

Wi' a grip o' fresh friendshipp, a New Year begin.

—M. W. Wood.

IT was at first intended that an amateur theatrical performance should be given at Chatsworth for the entertainment of the King and Queen, and a special dramatic licence was granted by the Bakewell Bench. Then the arrangements were changed, and a variety entertainment was prepared for this evening, at which Mlle. Genée, of the Empire, and Miss Isabel Jay, were to contribute the principal items. Now it has been decided to postpone it until Thursday. The King and Queen will not leave Sandringham till one o'clock, and will reach Rowsley, the station for Chatsworth, at 3 p.m.

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Lady Macdonald of Earncliffe, who has just been received by the Pope, shares with Lord Strathcona and Lord Mount-Stephen, the distinction of being the only Canadians to hold titles in the English peerage. Lady Macdonald, who was born in Jamaica, was married to Sir John Macdonald, the famous Prime Minister of Canada, nearly forty years ago. He was always known as the "Canadian Disraeli," owing to his great likeness to Lord Beaconsfield, who was Prime Minister of England while Sir John served his first term in Canada.

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On Sir John's death, when his personal effects were sold by auction, the Canadians bought up

everything which could be looked upon as a personal memento of him at high prices, but quite overlooked valuable pictures, which were sold for absurdly small sums. Soon after his death, Lady Macdonald was created a baroness by Queen Victoria. Nowadays she does not spend much time in Canada, but travels a great deal in company with her only daughter.

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Lord Pembroke does not intend to see the making of carpets at Wilton the without a struggle, and he has bought up the local carpet factory, and intends to run the business himself. There is no reason why he should not be very successful, for he has at least one great qualification. He is exceedingly business-like, a fact which has secured him the position of Lord Steward, with its attendant income of £22,000 a year. This position as Lord Steward is another reason for his success, as he will be able to grant himself a special royal warrant, and call the business The Wilton Royal Carpet Factory. We may yet see Wilton carpets driving out Turkish ones.

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Not long ago Lord Pembroke made a special search of the family mansion, Wilton House, for Shakespeare's relics, which were supposed to be there, but nothing belonging to the bard was found. One great treasure was unearthened, however, and that

was a lock of Queen Elizabeth's hair, given to her by Sir Philip Sidney, and presented to the church. The hair is bright yellow, and has quite a lot of it, to judge from the box in which it was prepared to give away. Funnily enough, though this lock of hair had been quite overlooked by the family for nearly 300 years, its presence in the house was a treasured tradition among the servants. The legend was handed down from housekeeper to housekeeper, and though, when it was found, the then housekeeper had never seen it, she knew all about its history.

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Yesterday Lord Masham reached the ripe old age of ninety—having been born on New Year's Day, 1815. In spite of his age he still takes a great interest in the great firm of Lister's, Limited, which grew from his invention for converting silk waste into plush. He spent £360,000 on his experiments before he was successful, but ultimately the business was sold for £22,000,000.

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In spite of his hard work and his age, he finds time for a very pleasant wit. Some years ago he was approached by a journalist for some facts for a biographical work. Here is his answer:—"January 1, '38. Dear Sir.—To-day I begin my eighty-fourth year—it may be that I shall never see the end of it. Some time ago when the 'World' wrote to me, my reply was that, as long as I was in the world, I wished to be kept out of the 'World,' but when I went out of the world then the 'World' might put me in."

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Sir Percy Girouard has just had a striking proof of his popularity in South Africa. He has been presented with a silver casket containing a testimonial to his work on the railways and an expression of regret at his resignation. The amount of work he has done, and done well, is extraordinary in a man of his age, for he is still several years short of forty. He has already been Director General of the Egyptian Railways, and now Commissioner of the South African Railways.

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By birth he is a French Canadian, and as quite a young subaltern of the Royal Engineers he went out to help in the construction of the line for Kitchener's advance to Khartoum. His colleagues were killed, and he was left in sole command, but he succeeded in laying over 500 miles of line across the desert. When Kitchener was ordered out to South Africa the first man he telegraphed for was Girouard, and splendid work he did during the war in carrying men from point to point. He always travelled with the military trains himself and saw the work done, which accounted for his success to a great extent.

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He is said to be the only man in the Egyptian Army who has, and had, absolutely no fear of Kitchener. At one part of the building of the Khartoum line Kitchener, during one of his inspections, found that work was suspended. He at once tackled Lieutenant Girouard, as he then was. "You must go on," he said. "Sorry I can't," said the Lieutenant. "The Government hasn't sent on the sleepers, and I haven't one left to lay." "I have no use for a man who says that," said the Sir. "You had better go back to Cairo." "Very good, sir, I will," said Lieutenant Girouard, and he went. Within a week Kitchener wired for him to return to his work.

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A very popular and genial successor has been found to Mr. Shaw, who retires on Wednesday, in the person of Mr. Curtis Bennett. Mr. Bennett has done much for correcting the misdeeds of Marylebone for about ten years, and is very cheerful, yet very strictly he has done it. He is one of our factious magistrates, who make the bitterness of punishment palatable by amiable jests. Paternal and kindly in appearance, he reclines in a leisurely manner at his ministerial desk. But when any witness wanders from the point, he is down on him at once with, "The facts only, please." Mr. Bennett manages to combine business with politeness most successfully.

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When the new Haymarket Theatre opens this evening it will be associated more than ever with the name of Mr. Frederick Harrison. After a few months' time the famous partnership of Harrison and Maudie will have ceased to exist. Mr. Harrison is reckoned the "brainiest" manager in London. He is an almost infallible judge of public taste. Only once during his management of the Haymarket have the public rejected a play chosen by him. A man of business rather than an artist, looking more like a lawyer than an actor, keen-faced and incisive in manner, Mr. Harrison believes in success first, and in art afterwards. His main object is to draw the public to the Haymarket; in that he certainly succeeds.

IN MY GARDEN THIS MORNING.

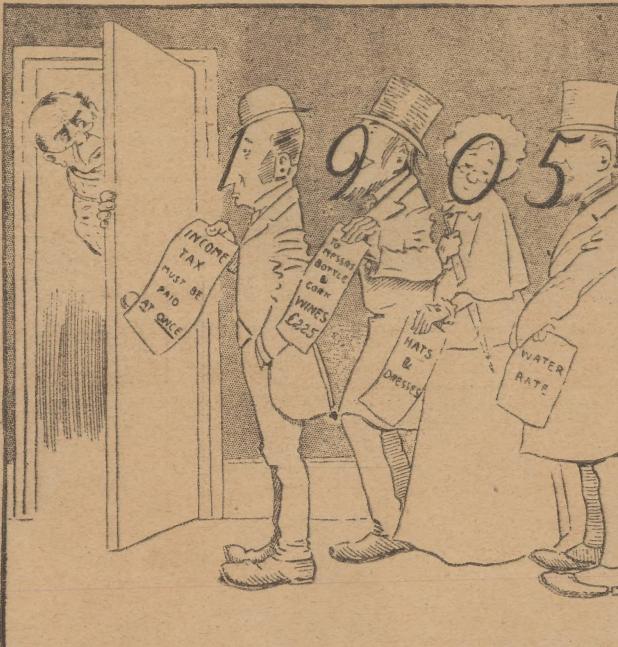
JANUARY 2.—January is considered the third month in the gardening year. Most planting is now completed; we must be content to wait until next month for the first signs of awakening life in our borders.

The weather in winter is very often damp and sunless, but there are times when the garden looks beautiful. A day when the whirling snow sinks noiselessly to rest on the cold earth. A moonlit night, when branch and stalk are decked with the hoar-frost.

Finally, what can be lovelier than a warm, sunny morning; the birds are singing; can spring really be far away?

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THE HARASSED HOUSEHOLDER'S NEW YEAR DREAM.



A MAN OF THE MOMENT.

Field-Marshal Sir Evelyn Wood.

WITH the end of the old year he retired from his position as Commander-in-Chief of the Southern Command (formerly the Second Army Corps), but in spite of his sixty-four years the "bravest man in the Army" remains on the active list.

He has every right to his title of the "bravest man in the Army." Five times at least in his career has he had the right to the V.C. As a boy he joined the Navy and went to the Crimea, when he earned his V.C. twice over, but it went astray, and he left the Navy in disgust and joined the Army.

Eleven days after he received his commission he wrote to the Commander-in-Chief to complain that he was kept at home while there was fighting to be done.

He soon had another chance for the V.C. in India, and it was only given him after he had earned it twice over. Since then he has earned it again, and even been notified of the fact.

But he has done many other things for the Army besides setting an example of bravery.

At the War Office he has held many high commands, and he is noted as a hard worker, even though some of his subordinates say that he is not nearly so busy as he likes to appear.

"Tommy Atkins" will never forget that the present satisfactory state of Army cooking is due to him.

He is too busy a man to have many hobbies, but he still manages to find time to ride—a few years ago he used to be a keen follower of hounds—and may still be seen in the Row before breakfast among the "Liver Brigade."

A PAVEMENT MONOLOGUE.

By One of the Unemployed.

We ain't no bloomin' beggars, Nor yet, no bloomin' thives, We're honest, 'ungr'y labourin' men, And we asks for what you leaves. You sit there at your dinner,

And you talk of us and laugh:

"It's not so bad as they make out."

"Strewth! Ain't it, though; Not 'arf!"

You pad the 'oof in search of work From West Am to Oxford-street, With nothin' but leg in your belly And sponges on yer feet. Then 'ome 'gain to the three-pair back, Where the wife and nippers heap With a skit instead of a blanket, And shiverin' 'stead of sleep.

The wife's in bed with a baby, And we've nothin' left to sell. "Why don't we go to the workus?" "Why don't you go to 'ell?" Well, there, I shouldn't ha' said it, But, mister, the truth is sich— The workus and 'ell is so alike That you can't tell t'other from which.

Thank'e, sir! Thank'e, kindly!

I wish there was more like you,

But they gasses instead of dein'

The good that they ought to do.

"They're gettin' relief works ready."

Ho! are they? You tell it 'em straight.

We're famished with hunger, and starved with cold.

And soon it'll be too late!

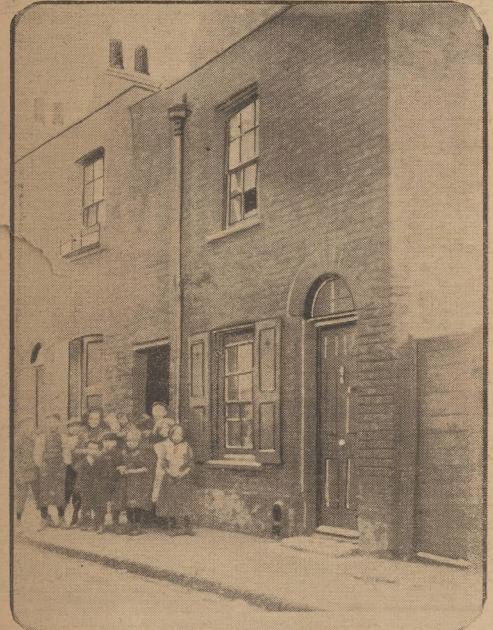
TODAY'S NEWS ILLUSTRATED

KENT'S FAT BOY AT PLAY.



The fourteen-year-old giant of Woodchurch does not let his bulk interfere with his enjoyment of the games proper to boyhood. With his schoolfellows, some of whom appear in the photograph above, he plays cricket and marbles—his favourite games—with enthusiasm and skill. — (Copyright, *Daily Mirror*.)

WHERE THE FORGED NOTES WERE FOUND.



At this house (on the right of the photograph) in Victoria-street, Hackney-road, Detective-Inspector Ottawa watched Joseph Holloway, who is charged, with two others, with forging and uttering Bank of England notes. A large number of "Bank of Engraving" notes, it is alleged, were found in the possession of the accused.

CHARGED WITH FORGERY.



Joseph Holloway, the principal prisoner in the bank-note forgery case.

A FAMOUS SPY.



Ivan Krinkoff is the most adept spy in the service of the Russian police. Through his discoveries more than 300 persons have been sent into Siberia.

THE THAMES OVERFLOWS. RIVER



A flooded street in Barking. The tide made a breach in the river wall, and it was impossible to reach hundreds of houses except in boats.



The flood formed a lake several feet of cord tide was at its height. The water at a point three feet above high-water wharves and jetties were entirely

JAPANESE HOSPITAL NURS



The hospitals of Tokio are crammed with wounded from the scene of war. A Japanese nurse is as capable and unselfish as her European sister, and never

DEFEAT OF WOOLWICH



Newcastle United managed to beat Woolwich Arsenal on their own ground by watched them win their victo

PICTURES FROM ALL PARTS.

FLOOD PICTURES.



The damage done by the flood was considerable. This photograph shows a tree-stump washed into the parlour of one of the houses.

WORK.



nursing staff have their hands full; but they meet the heavy demands made upon her.

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to none. A crowd of over 20,000 people

JAP SOLDIER'S OUTFIT.



Outfits of the Japanese soldier which are shown above have been acquired by the War Office as examples of perfect detail in equipment. They are at the United Service Institution, and will serve as a model for British troops when required.

MISS THYRZA NORMAN,



In the name part of the new play, "Prunella," by Lawrence Housman and Granville Barker, at the Court Theatre.—(Ellis and Walery.)

WORK FOR WOOLWICH.



The orders for new guns have caused great excitement at Woolwich, and thousands of unemployed artisans have been besieging the gate of the Arsenal in the hope of getting something to do.

RUGBY AT RICHMOND.



There was a big crowd at Richmond to see the home team play the Fettesian-Lorettonians. The visitors had it all their own way and won by 8 points to 0.

TO CARRY OFF FLOOD WATER.



Work on the great new drainage scheme of the London County Council. These great underground conduits are intended to carry off storm water, and so prevent the local flooding at present common. When complete they will control 300 miles of main and flood sewers, representing a value of something like £7,000,000.

Young Welsh
Teacher.

and Saturday we published the chapters of the life story of Evan the young Welsh miner and of the religious revival in South Wales. We told of his childhood spent in a cottage home, and how at the age of six he left the village school to work in the mines. We showed how the religious love of the home life imbued the boy with ambition to become a preacher, and after the laborious work in the mines he spent his nights studying in

ER III.—Shorthand and the Smithy. The childhood of the young collier was slowly passed, got through all the hard stages of work, and was now able to take his place as a father. But although he worked with shovel as conscientiously and as hard as his heart was not in the work.

“Of course, on the other hand, it is quite possible to pick up a ready-made garment that doesn’t fit you at a considerable reduction, though the dressmaker’s bills incurred for subsequent alterations are apt to bring the price of the garment back to the original figure.

A SALE-HUNTER’S BALANCE-SHEET.

Bargain-hunting must be brought to a fine art before any material success can be achieved at a time like the present, when securing a purchase is a matter of muscle and paying for it a matter of time. There is a method very generally adopted by one’s friends at different points of the crowded glove-counter, for instance, each instructed to buy a certain pair of gloves—the first served to apprise the rest of her success at once.

This is undoubtedly a saving of time, but there have been occasions when all are served at the same minute, and the result is a glut of gloves, which, on closer inspection, reveal only too plainly the cause of their reduction.

There are “salers” of invertebrate habit and long experience, whose account of expenditure at the end of the day in black and white shows they have spent their money to triumphant advantage, as follows:—

	Usual price.	Sale price.
Blouse	25s. 0d.	20s. 1d.
Coat	25s. 0d.	20s. 1d.
Boots	19s. 1d.	16s. 9d.
Hair (slightly crushed)	25s. 0d.	21s. 0d.
Sundries	Not stated.	15s. 0d.
Remains	Not stated.	6s. 1d.

But, while haggling themselves over their achievements, they forget that other list of the day’s incidental expenses, which works out as under:—

Train fare, 2s. 6d.; cab (in order to be in first rush), 2s.; lunch, 2s. 1d.; beggar woman with baby, 6d.; tea, 1d.; carter (in consequence of parcels), 2s.; lost in the department with ill-fortune; a woman knocked my purse out of my hand, about 3s., and some copper coins went by.

Evan Roberts was close to forty years of age. His Bible had been his thoughts, but now the idea of further education to him. One night after work he went to the deacons of the chapel.

“I want to become a preacher one day,” he said, “and I best prepare myself until I can afford to train college.”

He turned at the boyish face, full of hope and energy. Then he gave him a list of study. “I think,” he added, “you would think useful, too.”

ARN'T TO WRITE SHORTHAND.

Roberts thanked him and went away. He friend in another village some three miles away knew shorthand. He walked over to see him.

“Teach me shorthand?” he asked.

“Yes, indeed,” said young Roberts, “I can teach hours every night.”

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LYCEUM MEMORIES.

BY A VERY OLD PLAYGOER.

An irresistible force drew me to the Lyceum on Saturday. I felt I must be there to see if any of the ghosts that haunt the spot would rise up and protest against a music-hall being established there. No ghosts did arise, and I must say I saw a capital entertainment—an entertainment with a character of its own—something between a music-hall, the Hippodrome, and a concert. But I could not help letting my mind wander between the turns from the present to the past.

The Lyceum was built, I believe, as a place of very miscellaneous entertainment about 1765. From that date till 1840 everything went on there—everything from opera and pictures to Madame Tussaud's waxworks.

The really interesting legitimate period of the house began with Mr. and Mrs. Keeley's management in 1844. These two made the Lyceum a favourite house for burlesque and comedy. Mrs. Keeley often played boys' parts. Jack Sheppard was one of her greatest triumphs, and Smike in a dramatised version of "Nicholas Nickleby" was another. Mr. Keeley, on the other hand, often played old women, particularly Mrs. Gamp, in "Martin Chuzzlewit," and Mrs. Caudle, the curtain lecturer.

Mrs. Keeley was a bright, genial person, with immense energy and spirit. She was immensely popular amongst her friends off the stage as well as on. One of her characteristics, which she used laughingly to admit herself, was an inability to repeat a good story rightly.

A NOTE FROM SHIRLEY BROOKS.

One day Shirley Brooks, who was a friend of hers, sent her a portion of a pig which had been killed on his own farm. He enclosed a note in the parcel which said: "His end was peace, so I send you a piece of his end."

Mrs. Keeley once tried to tell this story at a dinner-party. She got as far as the opening of the parcel. Then she said: "We found inside a note, and in it was written, 'His end was peace, so I send you a bit of the pig.'" Her story somehow failed to amuse the dinner-party!

Charles Dickens admired her very much in "Nicholas Nickleby." He did not admire the play, however. In one part Smike (Mrs. Keeley) had to make a long speech about "the little robins in the fields." Whereupon Dickens was heard angrily muttering, "Confound the robins—cut 'em out."

Mrs. Keeley was also an admirable comedian. He began life as a printer's boy in Hansard's office, and ran away to go on the stage. His family hated "play-acting," and when his sister heard of his success she remarked: "Yes, Bob's making something of a career; but what a pity he is not a respectable tradesman."

Charles Mathews was the admirable comedian who followed the Keeleys at the Lyceum. He was an amusing man, and an excellent French scholar—so good, in fact, that he could play in French as well as in English, and appeared in Paris in "L'Anglais Timide" with great success. Not

all of his productions were successful though. During one of them an irate gentleman, who had had enough, rose from his seat in the middle of the act, making as people always do in similar circumstances, a prodigious noise. That was too much for "Charlie" Mathews, who was on the stage at the time. He came forward to the footlights and said, "Stay! the play is not yet over—there is more to come." "I know that, Charlie," replied the malcontent, "but I have had enough."

Mathews was the perfect "walking gentleman," and had a fine, devil-may-care manner about him in real life.

Toole once told me a story of him and Phelps, which illustrates this. Toole introduced the two actors to one another, and they talked together for a time. The next day Phelps met Toole and said, "An admirable actor, Mathews; but—don't you think—rather flippant?"

Hardly had Phelps departed than Mathews came up to Toole. "A fine actor, Phelps," he said; "but off the stage rather heavy, eh?"

Henry Irving first appeared at the Lyceum on September 11, 1871, under the management of

Bateman, whose daughter, Miss Isabel Bateman, was the leading lady.

Bateman was an odd person, who used loudly to applaud "his daughter" from the pit. He "boomed" admirably, but the story of his management at the Lyceum is the story of Irving's rise to fame, not Miss Bateman's.

Irving last appeared there in 1902. Our gratitude to him for his long service to the drama is shown by the fact that he spends nearly all his time wandering in the provinces—and America.

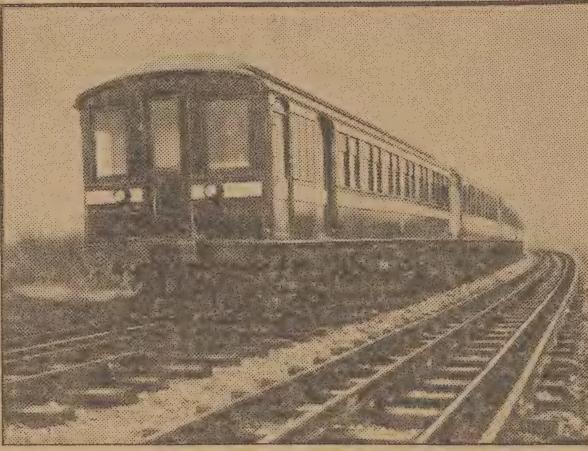
The new music-hall will seat 3,000 persons, and accommodate altogether with standing room about 5,000. There are two performances nightly, at 6.30 and 9 o'clock. The prices range from 6d. to 3s.

The novel feature in the programme which received the most applause on Saturday was the singing of the Lyceum operatic company from Paris in the great scene from Verdi's opera "Rigoletto." The soloists are from the Grand Operas in Paris, Brussels, and Nice. Their rendering of the scene in French was warmly encored.

The Harmony Four gave a very humorous musical show which caused hearty laughter among the children in the audience, who also appreciated the imitation nightingale duet by the Permane Brothers.

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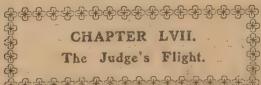


Which left Neasden for Baker-street at eight o'clock yesterday morning. So far this is the only part of the system on which the electrical installation is complete.

THE JUDGE'S SECRET.

By ANDREW LORING,

Author of "Mr. Smith of England."



CHAPTER LVII.

The Judge's Flight.



Mr. Justice Gascoyne, the least-moving person now of any in that room, looked for the first time since he had begun that charge, which had had such an ominous effect upon the fate of the prisoner towards the vacant dock; and his eye rested there for an instant. Then he turned and thanked the jury in a few aptly-chosen words for their attention.

The Judge was about to rise when some papers were placed in front of him. He mechanically affixed his signature; then turned suddenly and asked, in a low voice, what it was that he had signed.

"The record of conviction," Sir Alanson said. Even the natural regard for a Judge could not keep the note of surprise from the tone of the clerk. His hands trembled as he picked up the slip of paper. The astounding callousness of Mr. Justice Gascoyne was revolting to him. He looked at the bold signature, and wondered. He could not conceive himself as thus, without a tremor, consigning a life-long friend to ignominious death.

The Judge had stared at him for an instant, then had arisen with a haste almost undignified, and had retired precipitately to his private room. Could he have followed his frozen Lordship there, he might have changed his mind.

"The record of conviction," Sir Alanson was saying over and over to himself, as he bolted the doors on each side of the small retiring room, careless that officials were waiting for him, that the sheriff and his carriage were ready to take him away. He tore off his wig, he flung aside his crimson-bordered robe of office.

"What have I done," he cried as he paced the room with irregular and faltering steps. He held his hands over his burning eyeballs, and pressed them hard as though to clear his sight; and when

he opened them and peered again into the semi-darkness of the half-lighted room, there came to him full realisation. He broke down completely for a brief moment, fell into a chair by the side of the table, and buried his face in his hands—then abruptly rose and started away.

"She sat there—she sat there and watched me, watched and studied my expression as I walked up and down this room. I forgot her for the moment, but I can see her now. Had she discerned what I was about to do—she would not have confessed. Would to God that she had not done so."

"I have loved her, trusted her. I have poured out the innermost secrets of my heart to her. I have kept her for alone the confidences which a Judge would not give even to his nearest and dearest friends. And she has betrayed me—betrayed

me at last to irretrievable ruin."

He wrung his hands in broken impotence as the faint and visionary hope that all was a dream fell away from him.

"There is no excuse for me. I felt it, I feared it long ago, vaguely, unconsciously. Twenty times at long intervals have I spoken to her about him—she has laughed and cajoled me as one would cajole a silly child. That night of the fire—how easy to understand now. A music-hall—that was the excuse—and I accepted it all, was foolish enough to chide her for having gone there. That was only one of many nights, of course; but no fire in a theatre told me about them. He came—Mordaunt—God, and I ran out, forgetting everything except that she was in danger. And I came back, broken, almost mad with anxiety—and there she sat, smiling, beautiful, false. And she clung to me, and caressed me, and all the time she was only gaining minutes in which to perfect her monstrous lie. Oh, shameless, shameless!"

He stopped short and went over towards the door.

"Yes, yes," he cried impatiently, in answer to the knock which he had heard.

"It is I, Corry," came from without.

"Please don't wait for me, I'll make my way alone, if you don't mind. It's only a few steps."

The words came through the oaken door with the imploring quaver of an old man. Corry was deeply touched at the alteration. Sir Alanson Gascoyne was a human being after all. The sheriff

turned the handle; the door would not open. "Not the sheriff, but the friend, wants to come in, Gascoyne," he said in a tremulous voice.

"Not now," was the answer from within; "five minutes more."

What to Alan Gascoyne were human friendships now? He did not even notice the touching change of manner. He was even irritated by the interruption. The sound of a human voice reminded him of the world without, and brought for one instant thoughts of what its relations were with him. Did that world know of his dishonour, he wondered. After all, what did that matter? That he had been deceived was the central fact, the awful damning fact.

He gave a cry of despair as his mind ran over the scenes of the trial.

She insisted on coming into court," he thought to himself, and I believed it the tender sympathy of a gentle woman for a man in such position. "It will sustain him," she said. "I fit see that his friends rally about him in his hour of trouble! Could blindness be darker than mine? I yielded—and she came, and she sat there, face to face with him and with me, and looked from one to the other—from the Judge to the prisoner—from the man whom she had deceived, to her accomplice."

He stopped suddenly as an idea came to him.

"What was it after all? Perhaps it was fear. Perhaps she feared that he would break down in the witness-box—would tell the truth about his whereabouts that night. He was on trial for his life; men have faltered in such an hour. He did not, What is it in her that can invoke such loyalty? Where is she now? What will she do? Shall I see her before I go? No. The other duty comes first—and then, well, what then?"

At the moment in which Sir Alanson Gascoyne had come to the realisation of what he had done he had made the instant resolution that he must go immediately to London, call together all his brother Judges, place all the facts before them, and put himself unreservedly in their hands. He did not shrink from this ordeal. His main thought was that he had proved lacking, that he had been found wanting, in the supreme crisis of his life. It was no longer of concern to him that he had a private account to settle with the man whom he had condemned to death. His sole concern was that he had soiled the name of a Judge—that through him had come a miscarriage of justice. The first thing was to right that wrong.

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THE JUDGE'S SECRET.

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He put on his hat and overcoat, gave one look at his red robe lying there, then passed out of the door into the open corridor. He forgot that Sir Warren Corry was waiting on the other side, forgot that court officials were detained that the proper honours might be paid him on leaving the precincts. He made his way with bowed head through the public corridors, not seeing the curious glances which were thrown on him, not noting or returning the respectful salutations. A busy policeman in front gave a hasty cry for a carriage which stood at the other exit, but the Judge mechanically shook his head, and vanished into the darkness.

The railway-station was some distance away, and it was raining hard. The station-master could not believe his eyes when he saw his lordship, splashed and muddy, come on to the platform.

The next train to London? Yes, there was one due in a few minutes.

He was abruptly directed to purchase a ticket and reserve a carriage.

The Judge felt faint and ill as he sat alone in his carriage, but he pictured with relentless truth the scene which he knew was before him. He was well aware that every human consideration, every softer feeling, must necessarily be banished from the minds of his brother Judges when they came together privately to sit in judgment on him. Their first consideration must necessarily be the maintenance of the dignity and of the purity of English law. Their first demand would be, of course, that he should resign from the Bench. "Well, he should do that, anyhow, he had proved himself unworthy to remain there, and what will they do next? What will they say after my resignation has been placed in their hands? The Home Secretary—of course, he will pardon the man promptly—will he and they demand publicity for the reasons? Will he dare to do it with only a vague statement that new evidence has come to light which proves that the man is innocent? Ah, well,

what does it matter, so that the honour of the Bench be restored?"

Then Sir Alanson thought for the first time of little Roderick, his son; then, for the first time, did he break down completely. That was a new consideration, something that was to be thought of in arranging his future course. He knew that he must accept the counsel of the Judges even in this most intimate matter of his future course with regard to his wife. He could not tell what they would command. It might be that they would insist on his taking proceedings in the Divorce Court.

Mr. Justice Gascoyne got out of the train at Yerrell Junction a broken man. He reeled and staggered as he stepped on the platform.

People looked at him curiously as he stood waiting for the London train. Two or three paused and came back and stared into his face under the flickering light of the station lamp. Then they passed on, wondering how they could have made such a mistake. They thought for an instant that they recognised the well-known Mr. Justice Gascoyne, so distinguished for his youthful appearance, for his manly upright bearing. This broken old man, with his face seamed by the lines of care, his haggard cheeks, his staring eyes, might have been the ghost of Sir Alanson's grandfather—but the man himself—absurd.

A kindly porter saying to his mates, "The old man is off 'is end," went up to him and touched him on the shoulder.

"It's raining 'ard, Guv'nor," he said, "and you might as well stand under cover there. It's no use getting wet for nothing."

Sir Alon stared at him, and followed mechanically under shelter. He was feeling very faint and ill. He had hardly eaten for two days, he had not slept the night before. Once or twice people who saw him from a distance smiled in that genial sympathy which the British public invariably give to one who appears to have indulged himself too freely.

At last was heard the rumble of the approaching train, and all was bustle and confusion. No one noticed that the staggering man was dangerously close to the edge of the platform until it was too late.

(To be continued.)

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Newcastle United, after a by no means brilliant start to the season, have proved that their "star player" is the best in the country. At different times Sheffield Wednesday, Southampton, Everton, Preston North End, and Sheffield United have all made serious challenges for the leadership, and should Newcastle fail to win it would indeed be difficult to pick out the successor. The most interesting game of the day between Bury and the Notts clubs, Middlesbrough, and Stoke at the other end of the table is almost as interesting. * * *

In the Second Division the struggle has been between four clubs—Bolton, Manchester, Liverpool, and Bristol. At the moment the two first-named are the favourites for promotion, Liverpool, the last first-class team to be defeated, having lost more points than either, due to their mid-table results. Bristol City, too, have fallen by the way. * * *

In the Southern League the contest between Reading, Southampton, and Bristol City has been most interesting, and he would be a bold man who could prophesy the champions of next April. The disappointments have been the comparative failures of the powerful sides representing Tottenham, Fulham, Portsmouth, and Plymouth.

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Overwork Tells on the Arsenal Players
—Crompton's Mistake.

That Newcastle United are the best team of the season they splendidly demonstrated on Saturday by their brilliant football at Elland Road. Throughout the game with brilliant accuracy they played in a style which left their opponents, and after defending during the first half against the strong wind, they took their opportunities in the later stages of the game, and scoring a couple of goals, won the much-needed victory. Notwithstanding Heath's position secure but magnificent first-time effort, which gave Hilman no chance whatever, and the Midland team triumphed by one goal. CITIZEN.

THE LEAGUE—Division I
Newcastle United (Vetch, Rutherford) ... 2 Woolwich Arsenal (h) ... 0
Sheffield United (Drake, Lang, Brown) ... 3 Derby County (h) ... 2
Southampton (Jones, Wilcox) ... 3 Manchester City ... 1
Sunderland (Hobley, Bridgett) ... 2 Preston North End ... 2
Sheffield Wednesday (h.) ... 5 Middlesbrough ... 0
(Chapman, Wilson 2, Stewart 2) ... 5
Everton (McCarthy, Hart, May, Taylor, Abbott) ... 2 Notts County (Humphreys) ... 1
Bolton (Wood, Thompson) ... 2 Blackburn Rovers (h) ... 0
Aston Villa ... 4 Stoke (h) ... 1
(Hampton 2, Baché, Garretson) ... 2 Wolverhampton Wans. (Hall) ... 2
Notts Forest (Lessons, Niblo) ... 2 (Woolridge) ... 0

the field. It is rather curious that within the space of a week Lessons has been concerned in two such incidents.

Stoke found Aston Villa absolutely at the top of their form, and although playing at home were hardly beaten by 4—0. Hampton, the young Villa centre, again played a wonderfully fine game, and Miles and Brown both did excellent work at back for the Villa. The less said about the Stoke defence the better. It broke down utterly in the second half, with the possible exception of Whitley in goal. * * *

Sunderland were more than a trifle lucky in defeating Preston North End by 3 goals to 2. The game was a poor one, and the conditions were execrable, two severe hailstorms breaking over the playing arena during the match. * * *

There was a splendid exhibition of football at Birmingham, and a couple of sensational incidents roused the crowd who witnessed the encounter between Manchester City and Small Heath to a pitch of rare enthusiasm. Following a blank first half, there were two exciting dashes by Small Heath towards the goal. First of them brought goals Jones scoring the first and White the second. Turnbull obtained his goal for Manchester City, but Jones made Small Heath's position secure but magnificent first-time effort, which gave Hilman no chance whatever, and the Midland team triumphed by one goal. CITIZEN.

THE LEAGUE—Division I
Brentford (h) ... 1 West Ham (h) ... 0
Fulham (h) ... 1 Tottenham Hotspur (h) ... 0
Southampton (h) ... 4 Luton (h) ... 0
(Ward) ... 4 (Hooper, Bluff 2, Headley) ... 1
Swindon (h) ... 1 Wellington (h) ... 0
Millwall (h) ... 1 Watford (h) ... 0
Bristol Rovers (h) ... 3 Northampton (Beats 3, Smith) ... 0
Reading (h) ... 5 Portsmouth (Long, 4, Higgins) ... 0
Plymouth Argyle (h) ... 3 Queen's Park Rangers (h) ... 1
Brighton and Hove (h) ... 3 New Brighton (Maward) ... 0
(Hulse 2, Garde) ... 3 (Brucher) ... 1

POSITIONS OF THE CLUBS.

Goals.
Played Won Lost Draw For Agst Pts
Sheffield Utd (7) ... 21 13 6 4 43 25 36
Everton (8) ... 18 12 5 3 40 22 34
Sheffield United (4) ... 18 12 5 3 40 22 34
Sunderland (6) ... 20 10 6 4 37 28 24
Small Heath (1) ... 18 11 6 3 33 21 22
Southampton (1) ... 18 9 8 1 30 23 23
Manchester City (2), ... 19 9 6 4 38 23 23
Sheffield Wed. (1) ... 19 9 7 3 40 33 21
Bolton (1) ... 19 7 6 2 37 22 21
Derby County (1) ... 21 8 5 2 28 21 21
Preston North End ... 20 7 6 25 26 20
Wolverhampton (h) ... 20 7 6 25 26 20
W. Hampon W. (9) ... 20 6 11 3 30 20 15
Notts Forest (9) ... 21 6 12 3 28 19 15
Sheffield United (1) ... 21 6 11 3 28 19 15
Stone (16) ... 19 6 12 3 19 42 13
Middlesbrough (10) ... 19 3 10 6 17 24 12
Bolton (1) ... 19 3 11 6 17 24 11
The figures in parentheses denote the positions at the close of last season.

In the Second Division the three leading clubs continued their victorious career. Manchester United (6—1) beat Bolton Wanderers 2—0 at Old Trafford, and Bolton went to Glosport and won by 2—0, and Bolton Wanderers defeated Bristol City by 3—1 at Bolton. Division II.

BIRMINGHAM. ... 2 Grimsby Town ... 2
Bolton Wanderers (h) ... 3 Gainsborough Trinity ... 1
Bradford City (h) ... 6 Burton United ... 0
Chesterfield (h) ... 6 ... 0
Leicester Fosse (h) ... 3 Blackpool ... 0
Lincoln City (h) ... 3 Doncaster Rovers ... 0
Manchester United (h) ... 6 Burslem Port Vale ... 1
West Bromwich A. (h) ... 1 Burley ... 0

POSITIONS OF THE LEADERS.

Goals.
Played Won Lost Draw For Agst Pts
Bolton Wards (7) ... 19 12 6 2 57 34 34
Manchester U. (3) ... 14 1 12 2 42 12 12
Liverpool ... 18 4 2 2 42 15 30
Bristol City (4) ... 18 6 0 2 42 26 26
Sheffield Utd (1) ... 18 5 2 2 42 18 20
Lincoln City (12) ... 19 9 8 2 24 21 20

IN THE SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

Reading, Bristol, and Southampton Still Winning.

Some very fine play was witnessed in the Southern League matches on Saturday, the most noteworthy perhaps being the utter rout of Portsmouth at Reading. But for the fact that Reading have to play five of the last six at home, it is difficult to say whether I should be disposed to tip them fairly easy winners of the Southern League trophy. Reading had a comparatively light fixture during the holidays, while Portsmouth had a pair or two of really grueling matches, so I think the former will probably beat a good many of the teams at present above them in the League table. * * *

The Sheffield Wednesday forwards gave as good a display as they have shown this season in their match with the Tees-side club. After five games of fine goalkeeping by William, they scored five times, and the forwards shooting is splendidly styled. Albert Valentine has every chance of retaining their position as champions for the third successive season, now that they have come back to form, they will probably beat a good many of the teams at present above them in the League table. * * *

Bury are doing better in each succeeding week, and slowly, but surely, are making their position secure.

With Blyth, Stockton, and Saltash, and defeated the Rovers by 2—0. The match was set aside for the benefit of the international, "Bob" Crompton, the Rover's captain, and 20,000 people were present. Blackburn were the only ones that goalkeeper, Evans, whose knee gave way in the 40th half, and also that an injury to Fred Blackwood made him of little use during the greater part of the game. * * *

Still Bury played a spirited, dashing game, and their first goal, a fine point from the foot of Wood, would have been sufficient to win the match, even had not Crompton unluckily turned a shot from Thorpe into his own goal in the second half. * * *

There was a rough, foul game at Nottingham between the Forest and Wolverhampton Wanderers. The most notable feature of the match was the fact that Baddeley, after being charged by Lessons, deliberately kicked that player, and was in consequence ordered off

All through Bury played capital football. Ross and Thorpe were splendid at back, Gray played a wonderful game at centre-half, and Soar and Jenkins were the pick of the rest. The players were in full form, and quite so good at half-back as usual, but Tait gave a wonderful exhibition at back, and Eggett in goal made any number of splendid clearances. * * *

Brentford accomplished one of their best performances of the season when they visited Upton Park and beat West Ham by 1—0. * * *

Without Clawley and Harrison on their side, Southampton completely outplayed Luton, and won by 4—1. There were no particular features about the game, which, however, was vigorously contested. * * *

New Brompton were unlucky in having to visit Brighton without that brilliant forward, Barnaboth, as well as Tom and Tommies. Albion, for whom the old Millwall centre-forward, Hulse, shot two goals in the first eight minutes of the game, and made matters secure for his side. * * *

After many disappointing displays of late, Swindon visited Wellingborough and gained a really fine victory. This, too, in spite of the fact that Chalmers, their outside left and most brilliant forward, was unable to play. * * *

The match between Bristol Rovers, the leaders in the competition, and Northampton was a very tame affair. Bristol, who were now coming into form through the holidays, were by no means at their best, and Northampton, the best of the exchanges. Just before the interval, however, came the great goal, Captain Hulse burst a blood-vessel in his chest, and during the second half Northampton lacked his services. During that period Bristol played much better football, and made shots at a couple of goals and Smith also scored a point for them. * * *

Plymouth Argyle and Queen's Park Rangers had a big tussle under the bright sun. There was a time when the Rangers were a good deal, and in the end the Argyle side was left with a comfortable victory. The Plymouth side was below full strength, being without Robinson, McLuckie, and Jack. The absence of the last two made a lot of difference to the form of the line, and for a time it was difficult to tell for certain who had the better of it in between the teams. CITIZEN.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE—Division I
Brentford (Oliver) ... 1 West Ham (h) ... 0
Fulham (h) ... 1 Tottenham Hotspur (Oliver) ... 0
(Ward) ... 1 (Ward) ... 0
Southampton (h) ... 4 Luton (h) ... 0
(Hooper, Bluff 2, Headley) ... 1
Swindon (h) ... 1 Wellington (h) ... 0
Millwall (h) ... 1 Watford (h) ... 0
Bristol Rovers (h) ... 3 Northampton (Beats 3, Smith) ... 0
Reading (h) ... 5 Portsmouth (Portsmouth) ... 0
(Long, 4, Higgins) ... 3 Queen's Park Rangers (h) ... 1
Plymouth Argyle (h) ... 3 (Cook 2, Ward) ... 0
Brighton and Hove (h) ... 3 New Brighton (Brucher) ... 1
(Hulse 2, Garde) ... 3 (Brucher) ... 1

POSITIONS OF THE LEADERS.

Goals.
Played Won Lost Draw For Agst Pts
Bristol Rov. (3) ... 17 11 2 4 36 12 26
Reading (6) ... 16 13 3 1 34 16 25
Southampton (4) ... 16 10 5 1 30 19 21
Portsmouth (4) ... 16 9 6 1 25 31 19
N. Brompton (16) ... 16 6 5 7 26 21 19
Tottenham H. (2) ... 18 6 6 6 27 20 18

NORTHERN UNION BATTLES.

Rough Game at Batley—Halifax Beaten at Salford.

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The match was about as unpleasant as it could be, terminating in one of the Leeds players having to invoke police protection owing to the menacing attitude of the crowd. * * *

The two players were well out of the field during the course of the game, which was choke full of excitement. Batley's win has the effect of lifting the Mount Pleasant team over the heads of unfortunate Runcorn, who, though reinforced after three months' absence by Jolly, could not hold Kingstone Rovers. * * *

The Rovers had the star performer of the day in West. To him fell the three tries scored by his side. Although to that much-discussed player, Robinson, experimenting at half-back, great credit is due for initiating the movement. Jolly was the spearhead for Runcorn, who, though reinforced after three months' absence by Jolly, could not hold Kingstone Rovers. * * *

Poole, Wilson, and Hogg did some splendid work for Broughton Rangers at Wakefield, the old Durham man particularly distinguishing himself at back. Well served at half by Sidwell and Doherty, and tackling in full determined style, Wakefield Trinity could not be kept out, and they thoroughly deserved to win. * * *

Swinton and Wigton participated in a really interesting game at Swinton. An accident to Albert Valentine handicapped the home team, but there was nothing fuky about Wigton's victory, much of the credit for which was due to Thomas and Hopkins, perhaps the two most costly half-backs the Northern Union.

Though deprived of Wedgewood, Langhorne, and Nettleton, Halifax were still unlucky to lose in a poor game at Salford, a division of points being warranted by the play. An individual effort by Lomas led up to the winning try, which will give a chance to-day when enterprising Oldham of putting a team to their period of non-success. * * *

Leigh, highly delighted their friends by winning at Warrington, where previously this season Warrington had not known defeat. Handicapped by a greatly

bad turnout, for they were 100 short of strength. * * *

Hull had a man sent off at Widnes, so that Widnes' several men "crooked" in a vigorously-contested game.

HORNET.

LEAGUE—Division I.

Team	Plts.	W	L	D	For	Agst	Pts.
Hull Kingston Rovers (h)	13	8	5	0	120	102	28
Oldham (h)	13	5	6	2	142	71	24
Bailey (h)	9	4	5	0	100	92	21
Salisbury Trinity (h)	7	6	3	1	142	86	20
Salford (h)	5	3	4	1	110	94	21
Widnes (h)	5	1	4	0	100	94	21

POSITIONS OF THE LEADERS.

Team	Plts.	W	L	D	For	Agst	Pts.
Oldham	13	5	6	2	142	71	24
Bradford	19	12	5	2	150	102	28
Hunslet	13	12	6	1	142	71	24
Widnes (h)	9	4	5	0	100	92	21
Salisbury Trinity (h)	7	6	3	1	142	86	20
Salford	5	3	4	1	110	94	21
Wigan	13	10	7	1	142	86	21

Team	Plts.	W	L	D	For	Agst	Pts.
Dawsbury	2	1	1	0	80	80	0
Normanton (h)	3	2	1	0	90	90	0
Lancaster (h)	3	2	1	0	90	90	0
Ormskirk (h)	3	1	2	0	80	80	0
Warrington (h)	8	1	7	0	90	90	0

OTHER RESULTS.

Team	Plts.	W	L	D	For	Agst	Pts.
Third Lanark (h)	4	1	3	0	80	80	1
Glasgow Rangers	2	1	1	0	80	80	1
Celtic (h)	1	1	1	0	80	80	1
Blackburn Rovers	1	1	1	0	80	80	1
Blackpool	1	1	1	0	80	80	1
St. Mirren	1	1	1	0	80	80	1
Greenock Morton (h)	1	1	1	0	80	80	1
OTHER	2	1	1	0	80	80	1
Corinthians	2	1	1	0	80	80	1
Clapton (h)	2	1	1	0	80	80	1
Camden (h)	2	1	1	0	80	80	1
London Colonia (h)	2	1	1	0	80	80	1
Old Mertonians	2	1	1	0	80	80	1
Lloyd's	2	1	1	0	80	80	1
Devon (h)	2	1	1	0	80	80	1

RUGBY.

Team	Plts.	W	L	D	For	Agst	Pts.
Blackheath (h)	11	8	3	0	120	80	26
Bates-Lorettonians	12	8	4	0	120	80	24
London Irish (h)	14	8	4	2	120	80	24
Old Alameynians	13	8	5	1	120	80	23
London Scottish (h)	13	8	5	1	120	80	23
Exeter	1	8	5	1	120	80	23
Moseley	22	10	7	5	120	80	23
Worcester (h)	6	8	4	2	120	80	21
Liverpool (h)	6	8	4	2	120	80	21
Gloucester (h)	5	8	5	2	120	80	20
Devonport Albion (h)	11	8	5	2	120	80	20
Swansea	6	8	5	2	120	80	20

RUGBY.

The Football Association Commission appointed to inquire into the management of the Northern City Club have issued its report. Spelt briefly, the Commission have recommended, and their finding has been confirmed, that the club has forfeited its amateur status, and must be removed from the Amateur Cup competition.

The club, however, is suspended from taking any part in football or football management until May 1 next.

The players are granted relief, and not required to be registered as professionals.

TO-DAY'S MATCHES.

THE LEAGUE—Division I.	THE LEAGUE—Division II.	WESTERN LEAGUE.	OTHER MATCHES.
Blackburn Rovers v. Derby	Sheffield Wednesday v. Preston	Northampton v. W. Hampt.	W. Hampt. v. Fulham
Southend United v. Notts Forest	Sunderland v. Notts Forest	W. Hampt. v. W. Hampt.	W. Hampt. v. W. Hampt.
Manchester United v. Bradford	Bury v. Warrington	Brighton v. Hartlep.	W. Hampt. v. Hartlep.
Division II.	Warrington v. Salford	W. Hampt. v. W. Hampt.	W. Hampt. v. W. Hampt.

NORTHERN UNION.

LEAGUE—Division I.	LEAGUE—Division II.	WEST HARTLEPOOL.	MONCKTON v. GREENOCK W.
Oldham v. Hull.	Swinton v. Wakefield Trinity.	Bromley v. Hartlep.	
Runcorn v. Hull.	Swinton v. W. Hampt.	Monckton v. Hartlep.	
Widnes v. Salford.			

Dewsbury v. Bramley.

BIILLIARD RESULTS.

The tournament game of 9,000 up between C. Dawson and C. Harverson (received 2,250) at Soho-square resulted in a victory for Harverson by 2,310 points. Stevenson defeated Bateman at Leicester-square, by 1,774 points; 9,000 up, he scored 3,643 for the loss of seven wickets.

A match of 5,000 at Sheffield between J. Roberts and W. Mitchell (received 1,250) resulted in a win for the former by 1,138 points.

AUSTRALIAN CRICKET.

MELBOURNE, Saturday.—The inter-State match between Victoria and South Australia began here yesterday. Victoria's Australian batsmen, and the team, were drawn for wickets for the day they had scored 364 for the loss of seven wickets.

A. R. Gehrs made 170, H. J. Darling 33, and Claxton 40 not out. Saunders took three of the seven wickets.—Reuter.

The team of English cricketers that are visiting the West Indies, under the captaincy of Lord Brackley, left Paddington Station on Saturday, to join the Port Kings.

At 2 p.m. of Saturday on Saturday afternoon the Ortons, selected by Shrub, the famous amateur champion, and A. F. Dufey, the American and British amateur ex-champion sprinter, on board.

A challenge was mailed on Saturday to Oxford and Cambridge Universities, stated Reuter, for the cup. The Cambridge team, consisting of H. G. Moore, and F. G. Williams, 40 not out. Saunders took three of the seven wickets.—Reuter.

**KARAKOUL DEFEATS
MARK TIME.**

Farcical Ending to Saturday's Big Match at Hurst Park.

LAWRENCE BEATEN AT LAST.

Very pleasant weather helped to swell the attractions of the Hurst Park programme on Saturday. Sunshine and crisp, clear air were agreeable conditions for the afternoon, and the racing was good throughout the department, and it was obvious the great match between Karakoul and Mark Time had aroused extraordinary interest.

Since these horses met at Kempton Park a month ago, where Mark Time, according to plan, won by a short head, partisanship has run high between the rival parties, and the public felt keen concern in the Match.

Mark Time was kept in a box till almost the last moment. The handsome chester is a great favourite, and so far every five races he has run have been offered to lay odds on him. The owners of the rivals, Mr. G. A. Prentice and Mr. J. G. Clarke, are very well known on the Turf, and do not hesitate to bet heavily on occasion. Small enough wagers were made, £1,000, £2,000, £3,000, £4,000, £5,000, and so on, but the increasing odds, till Mark Time figured at 80 to 1 on.

George Williamson was suffering from the effects of the accident sustained when he fell on the previous afternoon, so Mr. Matthews had the mount on Karakoul. Arthur Birch had the handling of Mark Time. Both horses looked fit and well, and showed not a trace of staleness, though both have been kept on the stretch in training and racing in summer and winter.

Disappointment marked every feature of the race to the very finish. When the rivals joined in the racing bounces and crossing marred the contest, and to the pain of all amusement Karakoul beat Mark Time by a length in the final strides. No horse since H. 3 ran the time occupied in covering the two miles nearly 44sec., longer than Lawrence occupied in completing a two-mile steeplechase on the previous afternoon.

Lawrence, whose remarkable record of thirteen consecutive wins was reached on Friday in the race just referred to, now met with defeat in the Old Year Handicap Steeplechase. Other records were broken or beaten out of place, and the prize fell to "Esthetic Folly," a mare which had not previously won since her four-year-old days.

SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY.

MANCHESTER.

1. 6.—Club Hurdle—HILL BREEZE.
130—Club Steeplechase—PATRICK'S SAINT.
2. 6.—New Year Hurdle—KINRARA.
2. 26.—Paddock Steeplechase—NEREUS.
3. 0.—Pep Park Hurdle—HAZEL SLADE.
3. 50.—Canal Steeplechase—CLARKSON.

**SPECIAL SELECTION.
HILL OF BREEZE.**

GREY FRIARS.

RACING RETURNS.

HURST PARK.—SATURDAY.
12.30—WOLSEY SELLING STEEPELCHASE PLATE of 100 sovs; winner to be sold for 50 sovs. Two miles. Mr. E. Woodland's WIEDERSEHEN, by Encounter—
Annie, aged 3, 1st 10lb. Mr. E. Woodland 1
Mr. A. L. Wilson's MONSTER, aged 12, 1st 11lb.
Mr. E. Woodland's BUTTERED BUN, 5yrs, 1st 11lb.

Also ran: Tyningham, Buck Up, Cobden, Arrogator (Winner trained by Mr. C. Arrogator).
Betting—Even money on each. Won easily 7 to 1. Widersehen, 10 to 1 each. Arrogator and Monster 100 to 8 each. Tyningham & Buttered Bun (offered). Won easily by a length. The winner was bought in for 65 guineas.

12.55—RICHMOND HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 100 sovs. Two miles.

Mr. E. Shrimpton's CHORI'S CERTAINITY, by Royal Hampton at Chilworth—La Gloria, 5yrs, 1st 12b.
Mr. F. C. G. Menzies's CLYWD II, 4yrs, 1st 10b.

Mr. Edmund Lamb's CAPOT, 4yrs, 10b 5b...Hornet 3
Also ran: (Winner trained by R. Woodward).

Betting—5 to 4 each Chorl's Certainty, H. II. to 1 Capot, 4 to 1 each Tyningham & Buttered Bun (offered). Won easily by three lengths; six lengths between the second and third. The winner was bought in for 65 guineas.

1.15—MATCH of 500 sovs (a Gold Cup value 200 sovs and the remainder in 100 ft.). Two miles, over eight hurdles.

Mr. G. A. Prentice's KARAKOUL, by Wolf's Crayon—
Mrs. G. Clarke's MARK TIME, 4 yrs, 1st 7lb. Birth 1
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(Winner trained by W. Jarvis.)

Betting—85 to 40 on Mark Time. Won by a length and a half.

1.35—PALACE SELLING HURDLE RACE HANDICAP of 100 sovs; winner to be sold for 50 sovs. Two miles.

Mr. T. H. Smith's THE LION APPEL, by The Lion—
Fruit, aged 11, 10b. Mr. P. Woodland 1
Mr. C. Powency's BUNCH OF FLOWERS, aged 11b
5b. Mr. E. Woodland's SW. EM. SYR. LISA, 4 yrs, 1st 10b.
Also ran: Rio, Powerty, Childwic, Cherry Park, Baller, Stomper, Sunray South, Coburbs, B'r'r's Pib, By Boy, and Balsalla.

(Winner trained by Owner.)
Betting—5 to 4 each The Lion Appel, 2 each Powerty and Sunray South, 10 to 1 each Coburbs, Childwic, and Bunch of Flowers, 100 to 80 to any other (offered). Won easily three lengths; the winner separated the second and third. The winner was sold to Mr. C. Powency for 120 guineas.

2.00—HOLIDAY HANDICAP STEEPELCHASE of 100 sovs. Three miles.

Mr. C. Chapman's SHI'SHAPPE, by Master Marce-
Coito, aged 11b 4b...Mr. Prynne 1
Mr. Hunter Moore's ORANGE PAT, aged, 10b 5b...O'Brien 2

Mr. Colvin's PRINCE TUSCAN, aged, 10b 15b (7b ex).
Also ran: Glenrocky, Ducky, The Prince of Mabestown, Cottenham, Tatine, Buckwell II, Snowdon, Danby, and Dandy.

(Winner trained by E. Martin.)
Betting—5 to 2 each Shishappe, 5 to 1 Glenrocky, 6 to 1 each Prince of Mabestown, 6 to 1 Ducky, 6 to 1 Glenrocky, 10 to 1 each Dandy. The Prince of Mabestown and Cottenham 100 to 70 to any other (offered). Won in a canter by eight lengths; a love match. The winner was sold to Mr. C. Chapman.

2.30—JUVENILE HURDLE RACE of 100 sovs, for three-year-olds. One mile and a half, over six hurdles.

Mr. J. Tait's ADELIA, 10b 7lb...Dumb 1
Also ran: Half Holiday, Baron Crifton, Captain Cape Split, Love Life, Mount Prospect II, Do ekie, Place-mast, 8 and Mademoiselle, and Henley.

(Winner trained by Waller.)
Betting—5 to 4 each The Arrowed and Adelia, 7 to 2 each Captain Cape Split, 100 to 80 to any other (offered). Won easily by a length and a half; a head between the second and third.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

MANCHESTER.

3.00—OLD YEAR HANDICAP STEEPELCHASE of 100 sovs. Two miles.

Mr. B. W. Parr's ESTHETIC ANNE, by Astetic—Gente
Annie, aged, 10b 5b. Mr. B. W. Parr 1
Mr. B. W. Parr's APOLLINO, 5yrs, 10b 5b...Surplus 2
Also ran: Communist and Wolf's Folly.

Betting—5 to 4 on Lawrence, 5 to 1 each Wolfe's Folly, 6 to 1 each Esthetic Anne, 8 to 1 Apollino, 10 to 1 Communist and Wolf's Folly. Won by a neck; four lengths separated the second and third.

3.00—CLIFF MAIDEN SELLING STEEPELCHASE of 100 sovs; winner to be sold for 100 sovs, if for 50 sovs to be sold for 50 sovs. Two miles.

Mr. B. W. Parr's ESTHETIC ANNE, 5yrs, 10b 5b...Surplus 1
Fleming 2
Peter Castle 3
Sir Hubert II 4
Madrigal 5
Lady Grey 5
Sisterhood 6
King Birthday 6
Cecilia 6
3.00—CLIFF MAIDEN SELLING STEEPELCHASE of 100 sovs; winner to be sold for 100 sovs. Two miles.

Mr. B. W. Parr's ESTHETIC ANNE, 5yrs, 10b 5b...Surplus 1
Fleming 2
Peter Castle 3
Sir Hubert II 4
Madrigal 5
Lady Grey 5
Sisterhood 6
Buttermilk 6
3.00—NEW YEAR HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 200 sovs. Two miles.

Mr. B. W. Parr's ESTHETIC ANNE, 5yrs, 10b 5b...Surplus 1
Tar Branch 2
Hoplites II 3
Thursday II 4
Saber 5
Leviathan 6

3.00—PADDOCK HANDICAP STEEPELCHASE of 70 sovs. Three miles.

Mr. B. W. Parr's ESTHETIC ANNE, 5yrs, 10b 5b...Surplus 1
Kirky II 2
Kirkway II 3
Moraine 4
Yanekale 5
Gordon III 6
Rathcannon 7
Trotfull II 8
Morning Down 9
Stone Bridge 10
Raven Poole 11
West West 12

3.00—PEEL PARK SELLING HURDLE RACE; winner to be sold for 50 sovs. Two miles.

Mr. B. W. Parr's ESTHETIC ANNE, 5yrs, 10b 5b...Surplus 1
Metheles 2
Iaco 3
Vivit 4
Guppy 5
Eponius 6
Albion 7
Gaudiaria 8
Pomfrey 9
Goddard 10
Marion 11
Hazel Slade 12

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THE CITY.

Cheerful New Year Prospects—Strength in Consol Markets—Advance in Japanese Bonds.

CAPE COURT.—Saturday. The members of the Stock Exchange are in a buoyant mood, and if the truth were known, it is probable that the majority took away with them a fair amount of stock in the hopes of being able to realize a profit. The right of way to the Consol market showed considerable strength in the expectation of an easy carry over next week, and a good demand for Consols and similar stock as the result of the reinvestment of the January issue.

The Committee attending the Japanese forces at Port Arthur is having a good effect upon the quotations of Japanese bonds, most of which advanced to-day, while Russian bonds were slightly depressed.

While in Port Arthur Corp-rates were still strong, while the gold market showed a slight improvement. The Consol market showed considerable strength in the expectation of an easy carry over next week, and a good demand for Consols and similar stock as the result of the reinvestment of the January issue.

The gold market, though the gold demand for Scotch was large, was still strong. The gold rates were all more or less higher on the day.

In expectation of cheaper money several of the Prior Charge stocks were quoted higher in the Official List.

It is thought that the American bond market will be strong again, though the Wall Street in view of the holidays had gone far enough, esp. since Mr. T. Lawson had denied any knowledge of the circular published yesterday threatening a fresh attack upon gold stocks. Prices moved as usual without any special feature.

Moved in Argentina.

Canadian Rails were irregular, Grand Trucks holding on their well with advances in the Guaranteed and First Preference, Canadian Cariboo and others affected by the American set-back in price. Good news from Argentina received by cable to-day caused the activity in Argentine stocks of all kinds to break out, a fresh recovery ending the way with a rise to 10s. The Canadian Cariboo and the Canadian Cariboo and Grand Trucks, but Intercolonies, Mexican Southern, and Mexican Central stocks were all strong. Salvador debentures were bid for at 75.

There was a considerate market Aerated Breads moved up to 6d on the scarcity of shares. Calico Printers were largely bought. Gas stocks were all more or less in demand.

South African closed rather better on the day, with business interferred with to some extent owing to the breakdown of the telephone communication with the Continent. West Africa confirmed their advance with 10s. The Gold Coast and Gold Coast General funds. West Australians were in play, but with a good undertone, Ivauboes being in request on the dividend announced yesterday. Indian mines were featureless.

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